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BOOM
#96 CLASH!
HUH.
NACCHI'S GOTTEN A LOT BETTER SINCE I LAST SAW HIM.
YEAH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN THE SAME KID.
BOOM
BOOM
SARA AND MIKASA-KUN, TOO.
THEY'RE ABLE TO KEEP THE SONG'S GROOVE IN MIND AS THEY PLAY NOW.
...
BUT MOST OF ALL

I FEEL REALLY PSYCHED UP...
WHAT IS THIS SENSATION?
BUT I CAN STILL HEAR THE OTHER PARTS.
AND I THINK I'M PICKING UP ON THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE'S ENERGY, TOO!
THEY CAN'T JUST PLAY HOWEVER THEY WANT.
THEY HAVE TO KEEP THEIR EYES ON THE BIG PICTURE.
...
LOOKS LIKE THEY FINALLY GET IT NOW.

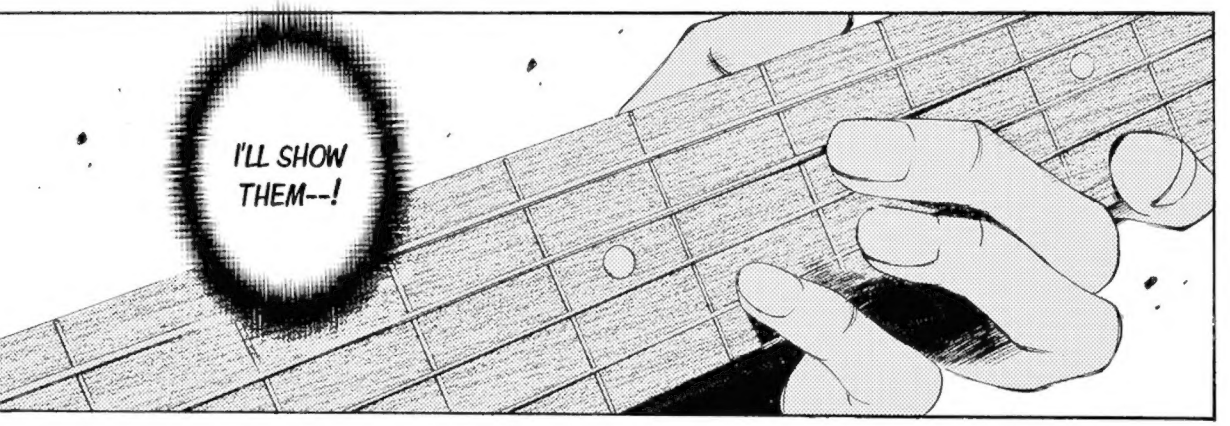
NOW YOU JUST NEED TO USE THIS PERFOR-MANCE-
-TO LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO MAKE YOUR SHOWS MORE EXCITING-
-AND WHAT YOUR ABILITIES MAKE YOU CAPABLE OF RIGHT NOW.
WOOP
WOOP
WOOP
SOUNDS LIKE THINGS ARE HEATING UP NEXT DOOR.
THE FALLEN MOON'S REALLY GOING FOR IT.
-YEAH.
SO WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO EVEN FURTHER.

HEY, ISN'T COLT PYTHON'S SHOW ABOUT TO START?!
YEAH-- BUT-
WOW
I KINDA WANT TO WATCH THESE GUYS A LITTLE LONGER.
REALLY?! I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING!!
FWOMP

LET'S ROCK THIS SHIT!!
DANCE!!
WAAAAAA

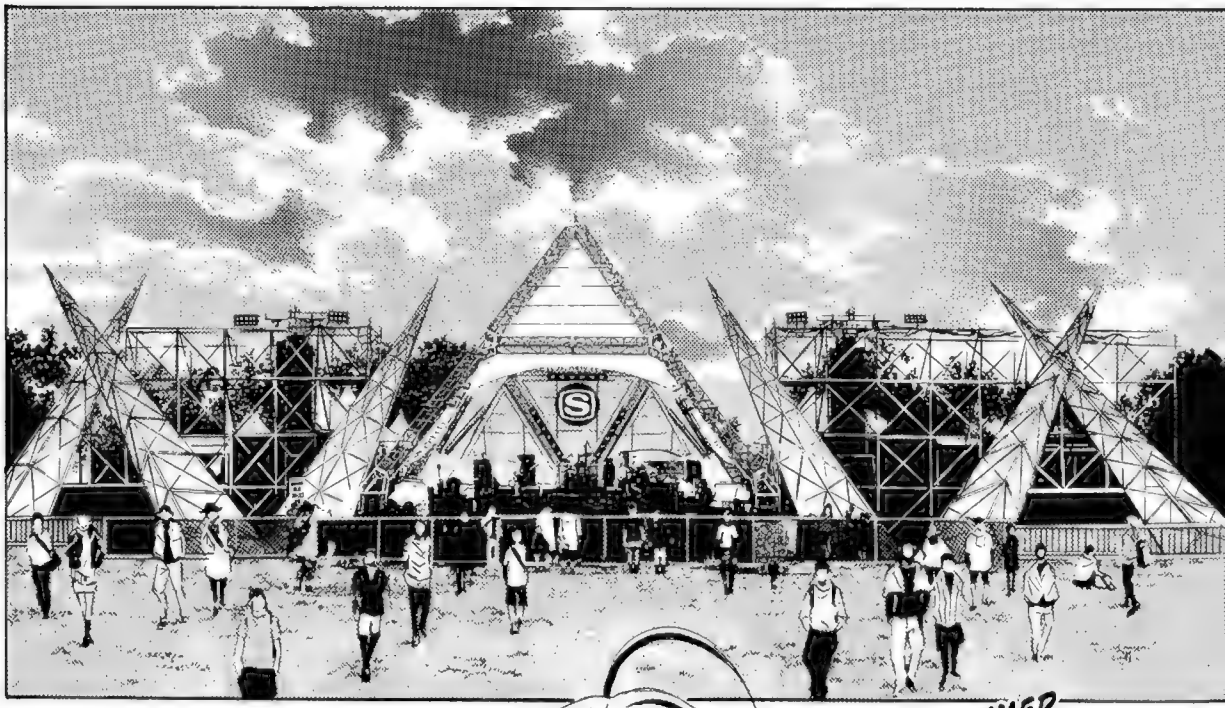
...IS POUR ALL OF THAT INTO THIS PERFOR-MANCE!
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW...

BRING IT ON!!
IS THAT ALL YA GOT?!


I'LL SHOW THEM--!

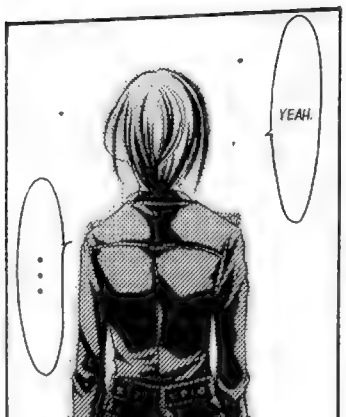
...CAN GROW FLOWERS!!
EVEN WEEDS...

WOW
OOF

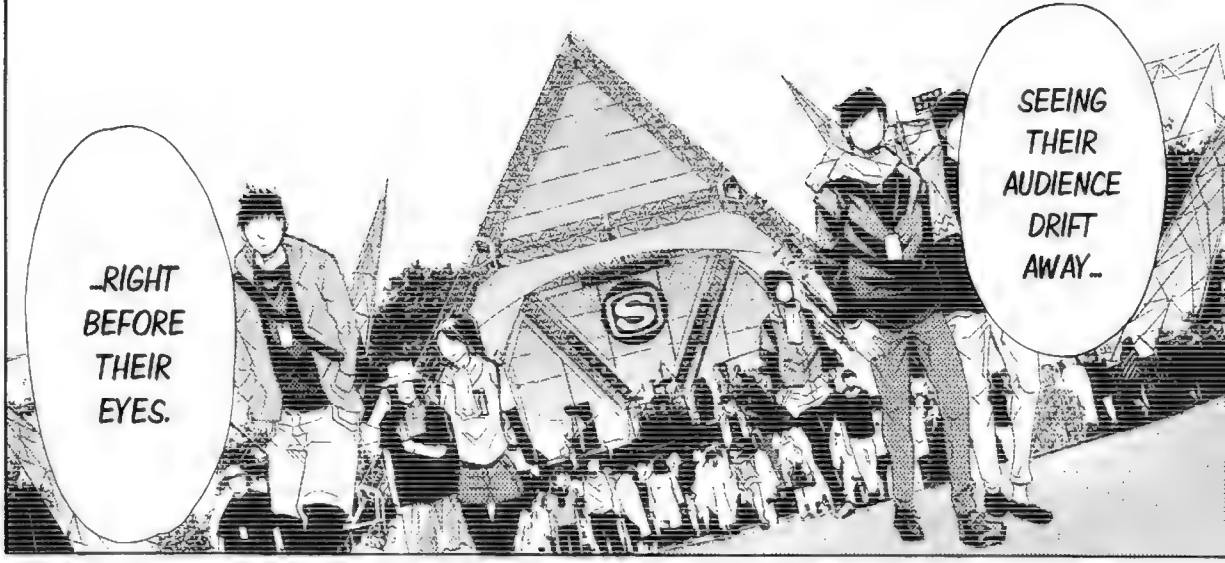


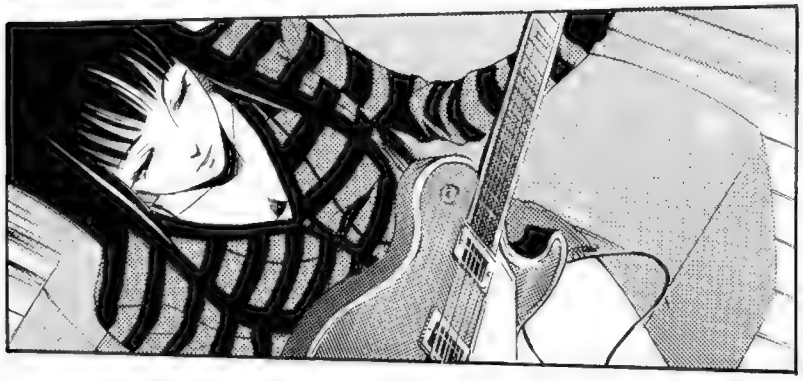
LET'S GO...
FUUKA-CHAN.

YAMMER!!!
THE FALLEN MOON WAS GREAT!
YAMMER!!!
YEAH! IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING THEM AND I'M HOOKED!


YEAH.
...

...AND?
HUH?
OH, IT WASN'T BAD.
HOW WAS THEIR SET?
I SEE.
...
NO-- IN FACT, IT WAS VERY GOOD.
ICHIGO MOCHIZUKI-- SHE'S JUST AS AMAZING AS THEY SAY.
IF ANYTHING WAS WRONG, IT WAS THEIR COMPETITION.
YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T ASK THEM TO PUT ON A BETTER SHOW.
...MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY SHOCKED.
YUU-KUN AND THE OTHERS...


SEEING THEIR AUDIENCE DRIFT AWAY...
...RIGHT BEFORE THEIR EYES.



TAKOYAKI

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YOU'RE NOT GOING...
...TO WATCH THE HEDGE-HOGS PLAY?

YOUR SET WAS REALLY GREAT.
...
I SEE...
NAH. I'M NOT IN THE MOOD...
...
...
THAT'S NOT JUST EMPTY FLATTERY.
IT WAS THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN YOU PLAY.
EVEN KOYUKI-CHAN WAS SURPRISED. SHE SAID IT WAS WAY BETTER THAN YOUR BUDOUKAN SHOW.
I THINK SO, TOO.
HUH?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
SURE, COLT PYTHON IS GOOD, BUT THEY'RE ALSO A MAJOR LABEL BAND WITH A LOT OF FANS.
AND IN THIS VENUE, THEY PLAYED ON THE MAIN STAGE.
SO YOU COULDN'T HELP IT. IN FACT, I'D SAY YOU REALLY HELD YOUR OWN.

YET WE STILL DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE...
...AGAINST ICHIGO MOCHIZUKI.

IT FEELS KIND OF...
...ANTI CLIMACTIC, YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN COME UP WITH ALL THE EX-CUSES YOU WANT.
IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE GAVE OUR ALL, AND STILL COULDN'T TOP THEM.
BUT STILL--!!

WE WORKED SO HARD FOR THIS FESTIVAL...
...AND NOW IT'S ALREADY OVER.

IT'S SO...
...FRUS-TRAT-ING.

...

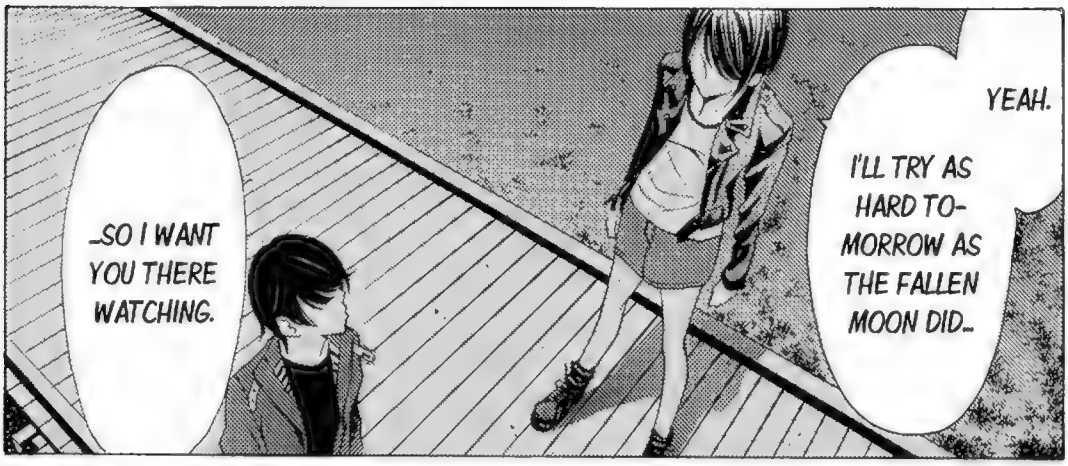
HEY, ICHIGO. THE HEDGE-HOGS' SHOW IS STARTING.
YOU WANTED TO SEE EVERY ACT, RIGHT?
...
HEY, COME ON!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'VE BEEN IN A BAD MOOD EVER SINCE WE FINISHED OUR SET.
WE PULLED ALMOST 10,000 FANS. WHAT ARE YOU UPSET ABOUT?
DAMMIT!! SHIT!!
?!
I WANTED TO SEE THE FALLEN MOON PLAY, TOO!!
HUH? THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN SO PISSY ABOUT?
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU COULD'VE SEEN THEM. THEY PLAYED AT THE SAME TIME WE DID.

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THEIR WHOLE AUDIENCE AWAY.
CRUNCH
HOW THE HELL DID THEY KEEP ALMOST A THOUSAND OF THEM--?!
THAT MAKES ME CURIOUS AS HELL!!
WHAT KIND OF SHOW DID THEY PUT ON?!
THE FESTI-VAL...
...HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

97 DAY TWO!

WOOOOO

HUH?
CHEER YOU ON?


YEAH.
I'LL TRY AS HARD TO-MORROW AS THE FALLEN MOON DID..
..SO I WANT YOU THERE WATCHING.

I WANT YOU TO WATCH MY PEFOR-MANCE..
..UNTIL THE VERY END!

OKAY, HERE'S MY NEXT SONG!!
THANK YOU!!

YAMMER
YAMMER
YEAH, SHE'S A GREAT SINGER, AND REALLY CUTE, TOO!!
FUUKA AOI, HUH? SHE'S SO MINOR SHE'S NOT EVEN ON WIKIPEDIA, BUT SHE'S REALLY GOOD!!

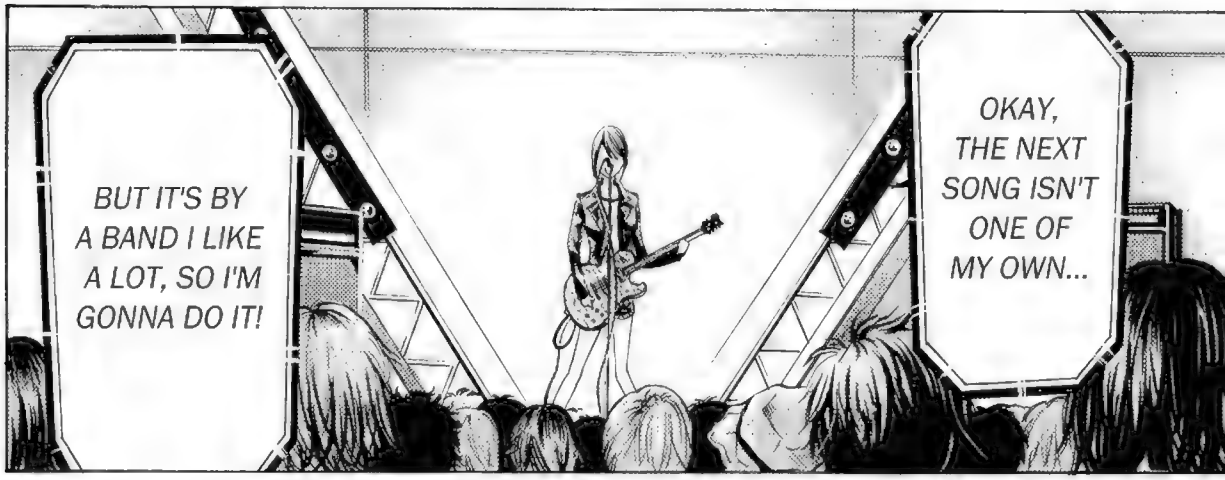
WOOO
I THINK SHE MIGHT HAVE A BIGGER AUDIENCE THAN WE DID.

...
WOW.

...HER VOICE SOUNDS... HEAVIER, OR MORE SOLID, OR SOMETHING.
AND COMPARED TO THE LAST TIME I HEARD HER SING...

AH...
OH?
I DIDN'T KNOW HER NAME WAS FUUKA.
HUH?
NO WONDER YUU-KUN IS SO DRAWN TO HER.
I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
I WAS JUST KID-DING.
SHE DOESN'T LOOK OR SOUND ANYTHING LIKE HER.
THAT'S NOT WHY I'M FRIENDS WITH AOI.
...
BUT HER PRESENCE ON THE STAGE, AND HER DEMEANOR...

JUST LIKE FUUKA-CHAN...
...IT'S AS IF SHE WAS BORN WITH THAT APPEAL.
Fender
TORY TOUR
USA


OKAY, THE NEXT SONG ISN'T ONE OF MY OWN...
BUT IT'S BY A BAND I LIKE A LOT, SO I'M GONNA DO IT!

"FAIR WIND."

?!
HUH?!
BWEEEE
CORON
HEY! I KNOW THIS SONG!!
!!
!!
BY THAT BAND FROM YESTERDAY!! WHO WAS IT AGAIN?!

HUH?
YEAH, THE DRUM PART JUST ISN'T RIGHT.
IT'S THE SAME 8-BEAT RHYTHM OVER AND OVER.
SHE'S...

SHE'S A PRETTY GOOD GUITARIST, BUT THE FEEL JUST ISN'T RIGHT.
AND THE KEYBOARD PART IS BORING. IT SOUNDS TOO MECHANICAL.

STILL...
...

I KNOW AOI IS FIGHTING HARD RIGHT ALONG WITH US.
I'M REALLY HAPPY.

YEAH.
NAH.
NEVER MIND.
I KNOW IT'S NO USE SAYING SO, BUT...
...

I SEE.
...
YAMMER !!!
BUT WE'VE GOTTA HURRY OR WE'LL GET STUCK IN BACK!
WHAT TO DO-- I WANT TO WATCH THIS ONE A LITTLE LONGER.
YAMMER !!!
HEY, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR RABBITZ TO START!
RUMMMMMMBLE
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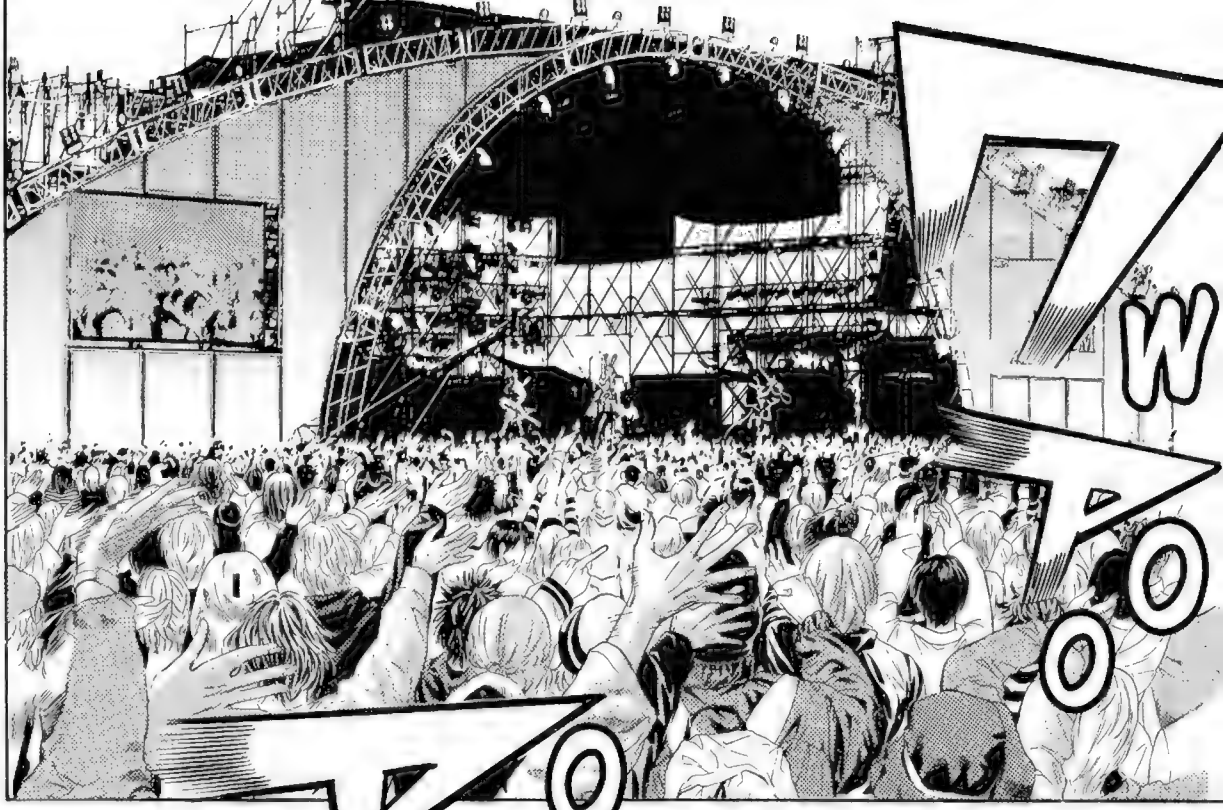
YUU-SAN--
HE'LL NEVER BREAK FREE OF THAT.
WHAT THE HECK IS HE DOING?
RUMBLE
WHOA!!
EXCUSE US, PLEASE!!
MOST OF MY AUDIENCE IS LEAVING...
BUT KEEP WATCHING, YUU-KUN. I WON'T LOSE.
WOOO
...
HUH --?
WHERE DID HE GO?!
SKREEEE
SQUAAAAWK
WHOA, WHAT THE --?!


WOO

I-I GOT DRAGGED ALL THE WAY OVER HERE.
AND TO THE FRONT ROW, NO LESS.

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TAMA-CHAN REALLY IS AN AMAZING SINGER.
WOW.
...
...SOMEONE TRULY AMAZING LIKE HER CAN STILL MOVE ALL THESE PEOPLE.
EVEN WITHOUT USING THE NAME KOYUKI HINASHI...
NO WAY-- HE CAME TO SEE MY BAND PERFORM?!
NIKO-KUN?!
...!
WOOO
ALL RIGHT! READY TO CRANK IT UP EVEN MORE?!

50 POINTS.
I THINK THAT'S HOW I'D RATE...
...THE FALLEN MOON AND FUUKA AOI ON THEIR FIRST FESTIVAL.
I SUPPOSE IT'S NOT BAD FOR A FIRST TIME.
WE'LL CALL OFF THE BREACH OF CONTRACT PENALTY.
THANK GOODNESS WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY 50 MILLION.
THAT'S THE ONE THING I'M SERIOUSLY GLAD ABOUT.
...
ALSO...
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE FOR?
...
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I-I TOLD YOU, I JUST GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE CROWD!
WELL, RABBITZ TOOK ALMOST MY ENTIRE AUDIENCE.
EVEN YUU-KUN WENT OVER TO THEIR STAGE.

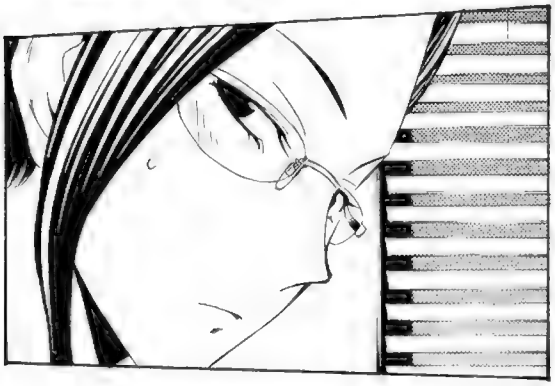
LIAR!!
YEAH, BUT--
SEE?! YOU DID!!
WELL, I DID WANT TO, BUT...
...
IF YOU WANTED TO SEE RABBITZ, JUST SAY SO!
LIAR!!

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO SURPASS THE HEDGE-HOGS AT THIS RATE?
I SWEAR

ガラ
RATTLE
IT'S AWFULLY LOUD IN HERE.
I CAN HEAR YOU FROM OUTSIDE.

COME ON, PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!!
JUST BE GLAD YOU HAD DECENTLY SUCCESSFUL PERFOR-MANCES!!
DON'T SAY "DECEN TLY"!!
GOOD SOUND

AH --!!
TA--
TAMA-SAN.



SORRY I COULDN'T COME SEE YOU, AFTER I WAS THE ONE TO INVITE YOU.
WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY, I JUST COULDN'T SPARE THE TIME.

NICE JOB WITH THE FESTIVAL.

DID THEY DO...
..."DECENTLY WELL," PRESIDENT?
WELL...
YOU'RE THE SPONSORS, SO IT MAKES SENSE.
YOU MUST BE VERY BUSY.
SHE RAISED THE SCORE.
YES, WELL...
ABOUT 60 POINTS FOR EACH OF THEM, I'D SAY.
HUH?
SO THAT WOULD GIVE THEM 120 POINTS COMBINED.
I'D CERTAINLY LOVE TO SEE THAT.
...
I SEE.
...I'LL HAVE 30 MINUTES SET ASIDE FOR YOU.
TOMORROW, THE LAST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL...

...THE FALLEN MOON.
FUUKA AOI...
...WITH...
IT'S A FESTIVAL, AFTER ALL.
YOU SHOULD ALL TRY PERFORMING TOGETHER.

Fuuka CHARACTER

Character Concept Collection No.17

NAME

ICHIGO MOCHIZUKI

DATA

Birthday: August 24th
Height: 162cm (5' 4")
Weight: 46kg (101 lb)
Blood Type: O
Measurements: 77-60-84
(30-24-33)

FAVORITES

- Concerts (playing)
- Concerts (watching)
- Meat

DISLIKES

- Common sense
- Restraint
- Coriander

FAVORITE BRAND

- Chrome Hearts

Ichigo Mochizuki

98 COLLABORATION!

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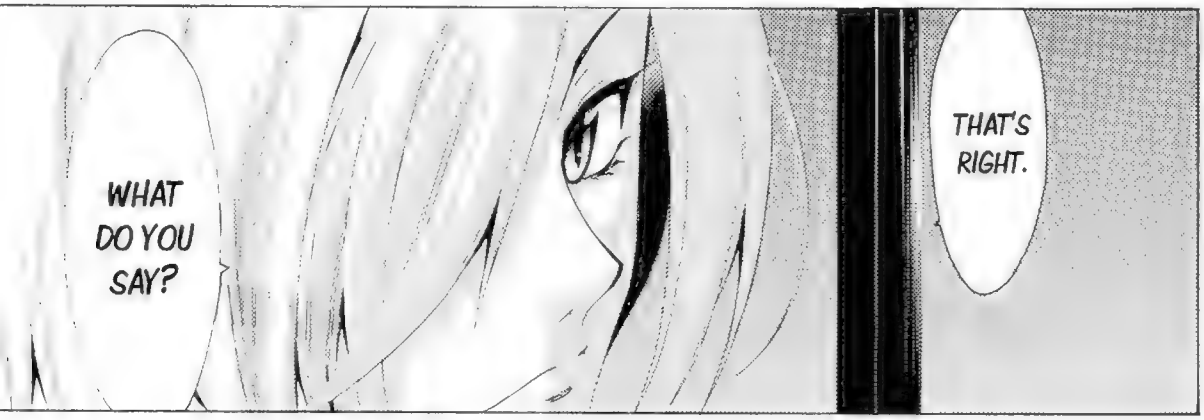
YOU WANT US...
...TO PERFORM TOGETHER?!


THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WOW!! THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!!
I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT !!
WELL, I MEAN...
WE'D BE OKAY WITH THAT.
...SURE.
...
BUT...

YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO MOGAMI, RIGHT, HARUNA-KUN?
THAT YOU CAN'T SWITCH MEMBERS AROUND LIKE SPARE PARTS.
YEAH.
...
SHE CREATED THIS BAND.
THE FALLEN MOON ISN'T THE BAND I MADE ANYMORE.
TUMP
FROM NOW ON, IT BELONGS TO ALL OF YOU.

...WITH YOUR EYES FORWARD.
SO KEEP WALKING...
HARU-NA...
...
BUT...
IT DOES SOUND KIND OF FUN.
YEAH.
THEN WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT.
I'D LIKE TO TRY IT, TOO.
THAT SETTLES IT.
THEN...
...!

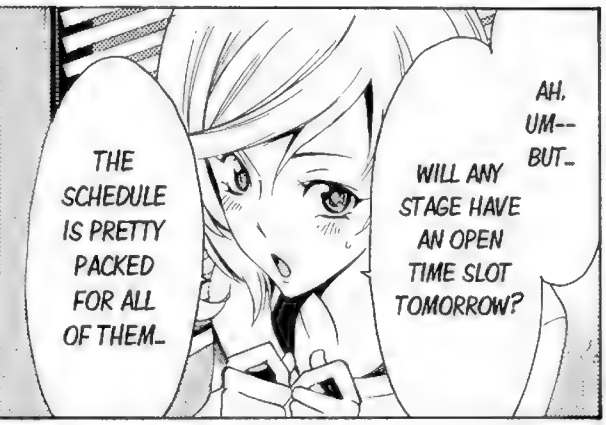
SKRUT
!
ALL RIGHT !!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY WITH YOU GUYS!!
Fender
USA

THE SONGS--
AH, BUT--

HUH?!
HANG ON. I'M NOT OKAY WITH YOUR GUITAR PLAY-ING AT ALL
I CAN BOTH SING AND PLAY ALL OF THE FALLEN MOON'S SONGS!!
LEAVE THAT TO ME!!

UH, I'LL JUST STICK TO PLAYING BASS, THEN.
NOW, NOW. IF WE'RE DOING THIS, LET'S DIVIDE UP THE GUITAR PHRASES.
HEY! DON'T FIGHT !!
EX-CUSE ME?!
WELL, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT, I'M NOT SURE I LIKE YOUR PLAYING, EITHER!!

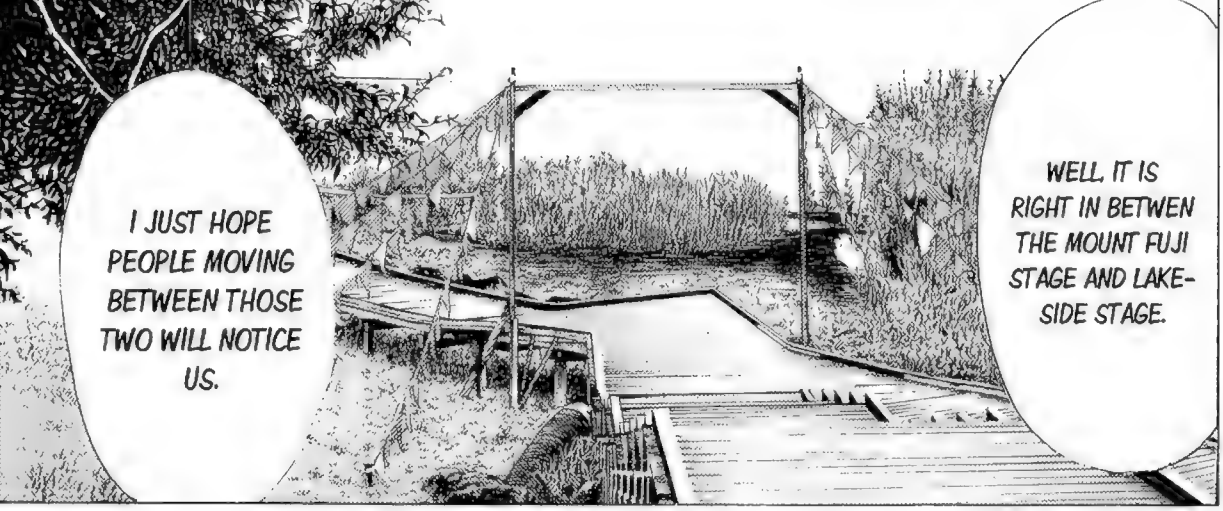
I'M NOT, REALLY.
I JUST GAVE THEM A LITTLE PUSH, THAT'S ALL.
WHY ARE YOU GOING SO FAR TO HELP THESE KIDS?


THE SCHEDULE IS PRETTY PACKED FOR ALL OF THEM..
AH, UM-- BUT.. WILL ANY STAGE HAVE AN OPEN TIME SLOT TOMORROW?

THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM..
OH..

WHAT WILL COME OF IT..
..IS SOME-THING ONLY THE GOD OF MUSIC KNOWS.

WHOOOOSH
THERE'S ONE PLACE THAT'LL BE OPEN.
UH...
WAIT.
THIS IS OUR STAGE?
IT'S JUST A LITTLE SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE LAKE.
IT'S NOT BEING USED THIS TIME AROUND. BUT IT WAS USED DURING THE SUMMER FESTIVAL.
IT WAS SET UP A LITTLE MORE LIKE A STAGE THEN, THOUGH.
SO NO ONE HERE NOW IS GONNA KNOW ABOUT IT.


I JUST HOPE PEOPLE MOVING BETWEEN THOSE TWO WILL NOTICE US.
WELL, IT IS RIGHT IN BETWEN THE MOUNT FUJI STAGE AND LAKE-SIDE STAGE.

IT'LL BE FINE, OKAY?!
ISN'T IT KINDA LATE FOR THAT?
AS YOUR MANAGER, I'LL MAKE IT WORK!
LEAVE THAT TO ME!!

AND I'M PSYCHED TO BE PERFORM-ING WITH YOU GUYS!
THAT'S RIGHT!

I THINK IT'S GREAT.
WE GET A CHANCE TO PERFORM HERE AGAIN.

...AND THEY'RE THE BEST AUDIENCE WE COULD HAVE.
BESIDES, LOOK--
THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE HERE...

THE HEDGE-HOGS...
...

COME ON, GET MOVING ALREADY!
YOU'VE ONLY GOT 30 MINUTES!
MAKE IT COUNT, SARA!!

THIS IS GONNA BE A GREAT MEMORY!
KA-CHAK
THIS FEELS-
-KINDA AWKWARD. LIKE PARENTS' DAY AT SCHOOL
SOME OF 'EM ARE EVEN DRINKING.

ONCE AGAIN--
NO-
I GUESS I SHOULD SAY "AT LAST."
SUNGREE
yuzu no hana

WELL
LET'S GET STARTED!

I SEE.
SO THIS IS WHY YOU INVITED THESE GUYS.
SOUNDS LIKE FUN, RIGHT?

HI'S
MUSEUM

HS
Zenn

LET'S GO...
...EVERY-ONE!!
AH --!
Y-YEAH ..!
...
YEAH!
I'M NOT SURE WHY...

BUT IT WAS SURPRISING...
...JUST HOW NATURAL IT FELT.
HAVING HER...

HAVING FUUKA AOI BE PART OF THIS BAND!!

HM?
WHAT'S UP, ICHIGO?
!!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
DASH
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YUUGA?
IT'S ALMOST OUR TURN.
...
OH...
RIGHT.

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MURMUR
MURMUR
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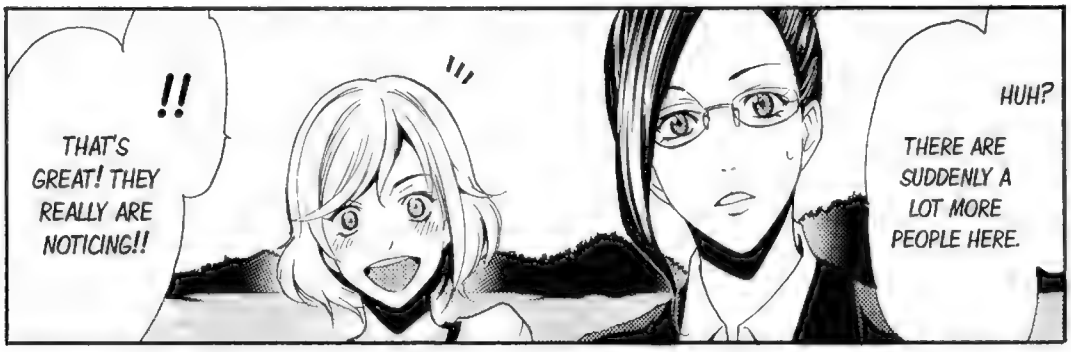
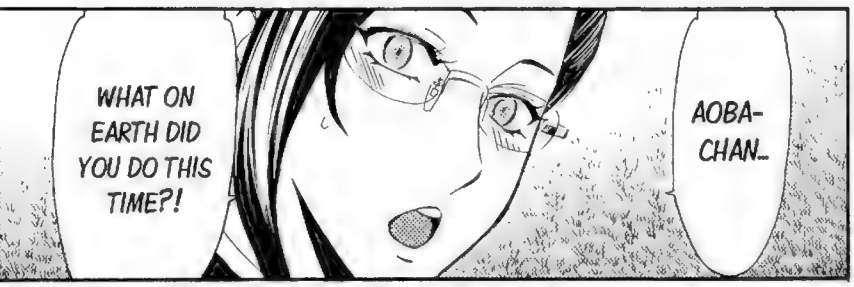
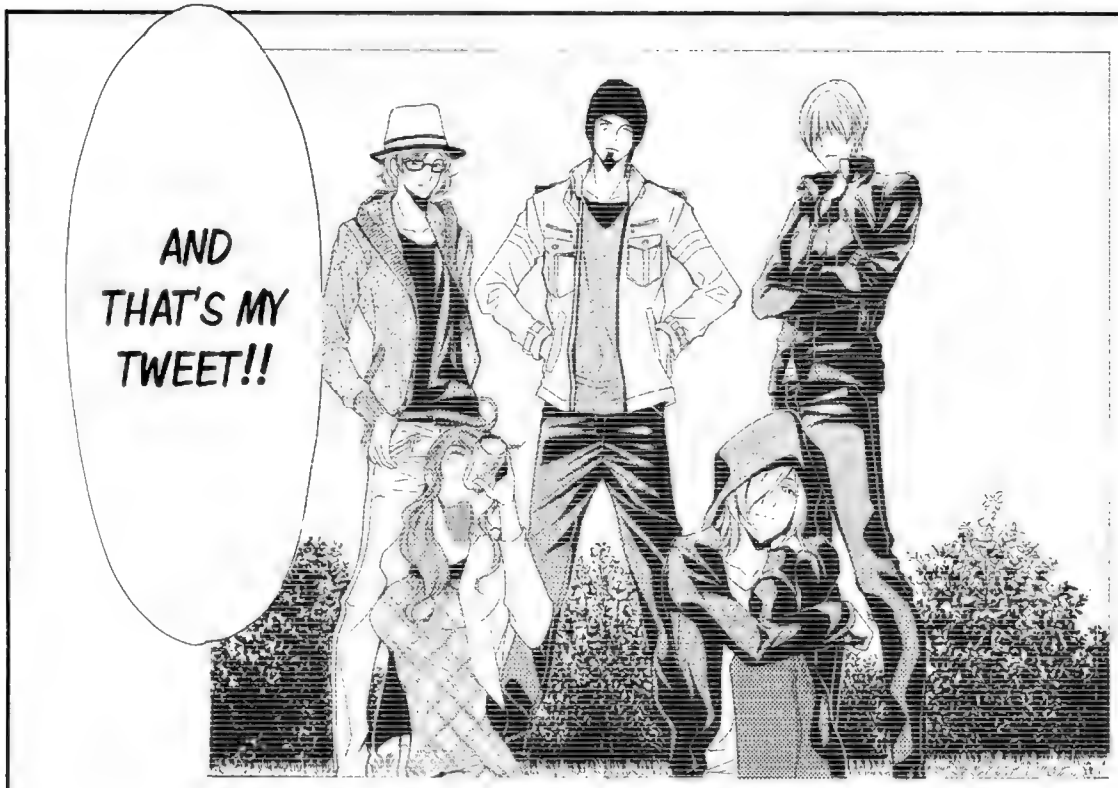

!!
THAT'S GREAT! THEY REALLY ARE NOTICING!!
HUH?
THERE ARE SUDDENLY A LOT MORE PEOPLE HERE.


WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU DO THIS TIME?!
AOBA-CHAN...

IS THIS THE WATER-FRONT STAGE?!
OH!! THEY'RE REALLY HERE!

WHEN YOU TWEET WITH THE HASHTAG, IT'S DISPLAYED...
THIS FESTIVAL IS LINKED WITH TWITTER.



"FUUKA AOI WITH THE FALLEN MOON" ARE PUTTING ON A SURPRISE SHOW AT THE WATERFRONT STAGE \(^0^)/ IT'S GONNA BE SO HOT, EVEN THE HEDGEHOGS WILL BE THERE TO SEE IT!! #SONIC_BOOM

HM?
JEEZ. THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF THING YOU'D COME UP WITH.
BUT THIS STILL WON'T BRING THEM ANYWHERE NEAR WHERE THEY WERE...
...WHEN FUUKA AKITSUKI WAS IN THE BAND.
HUH?
I'M NOT TRYING TO REPRO-DUCE THAT.
I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN THEIR PAST.
...

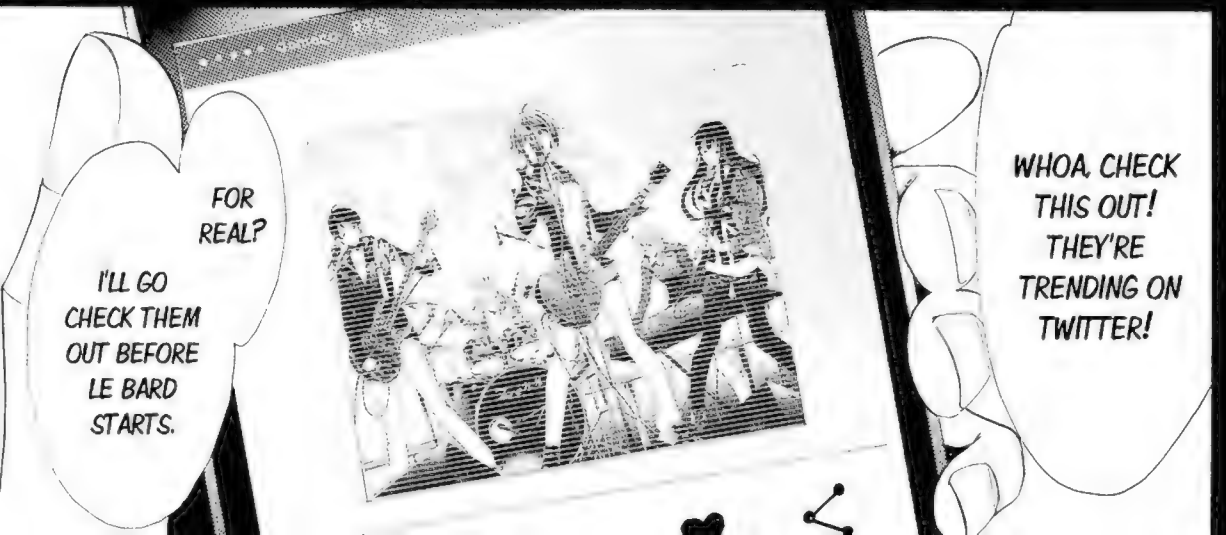
I JUST SENSED...
...SOME KIND OF AMAZING POTENTIAL IN THEM.
MACHEN ROm
WOW... 6,000...
7,000 RETWEETS...
THE NEWS OF THIS PERFOR-MANCE...
...IS SPREADING FASTER AND FASTER!!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A CONCERT GOING ON THERE.
IT'S THAT ONE BY THE LAKE, REMEMBER?
WAS THERE EVEN A STAGE CALLED THAT?
WATER-FRONT STAGE? WHERE'S THAT?

Fuuka

NO WAY!
AND SHELLEY HORNET AND ICHIGO MOCHIZUKI, TOO.
I HEARD EVEN THE HEDGEHOGS ARE THERE TO SEE IT.

THEY HAVE VIDEOS ONLINE. THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD.
NO IDEA. NEWBIE BANDS?
WHO THE HECK ARE THE FALLEN MOON AND FUUKA AOI, ANYWAY?


FOR REAL?
I'LL GO CHECK THEM OUT BEFORE LE BARD STARTS.
WHOA. CHECK THIS OUT! THEY'RE TRENDING ON TWITTER!

Fuuka

99 OUR WINGS!

HM?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE EXPECTING...
...BUT A BAND PUT TOGETHER THIS QUICKLY IS BOUND TO FAIL.

MURMUR
MURMUR
H-HEY, THE HEDGEHOGS AND SHELLEY HORNET REALLY ARE HERE!
THE SECURITY LOOKS SUPER SCARY, THOUGH.
SHOULD WE CHECK IT OUT?!

WELL...
JUST WATCH.

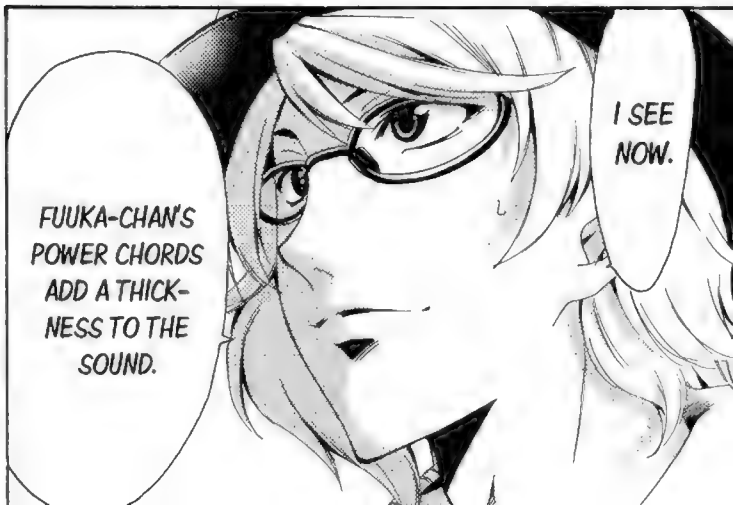
SARA-SAN'S ARPEGGIOS LEAVE A REALLY STRONG IMPRESSION...
BUT I FEEL LIKE HER SOUND IS GOING THIN.

BREEEEOOOW
AND THAT'S WHY...
...

BRAAA
TAAAING

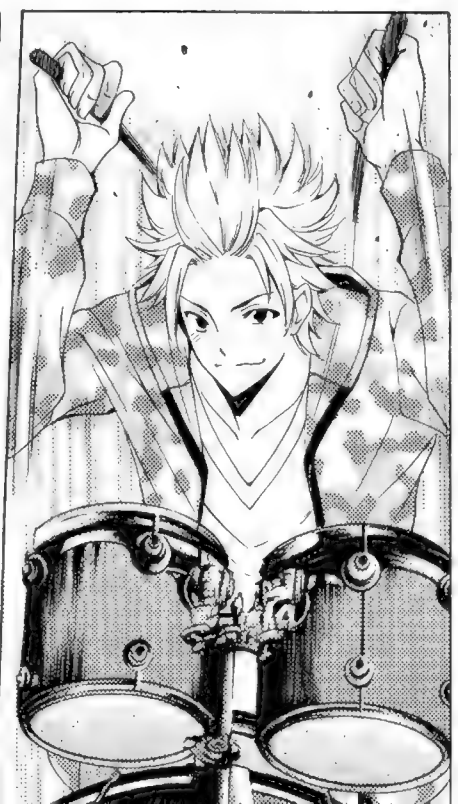
NOW THAT'S COOL!!
WHOA, AWE-SOME!!

BU--
BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN MATCH THE BAND'S GROOVE!


I SEE NOW.
FUUKA-CHAN'S POWER CHORDS ADD A THICK-NESS TO THE SOUND.

NO MATTER HOW WELL I CAN PLAY THE FALLEN MOON'S SONGS...
...I THINK SLAPPING US TOGETHER SO SUDDENLY WILL CHANGE THE GROOVE.

SO LET'S MAKE SURE TO KEEP UP EYE CONTACT...
...SO WE CAN STAY ON TOP OF THAT!



LEAP
WOW!! THEY'RE IN PERFECT SYNC!!
!!

SHIVER
WHAT-
WHAT IS THAT GIRL --?!
WOOO
WHOA. THIS BAND IS AWE-SOME!!
LET'S MOVE UP CLOSER!!
HUH?

I FEEL A VIBRATION RISING FROM DEEP IN MY CHEST...

EVERY TIME I HEAR AOI SING,

TIME TO SHOW OFF...
...YOUR WINGS.
C'MON!!
...YEAH.
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
THE CHORUS IS NEXT!!
I KNOW THAT!
I REALLY WANTED...

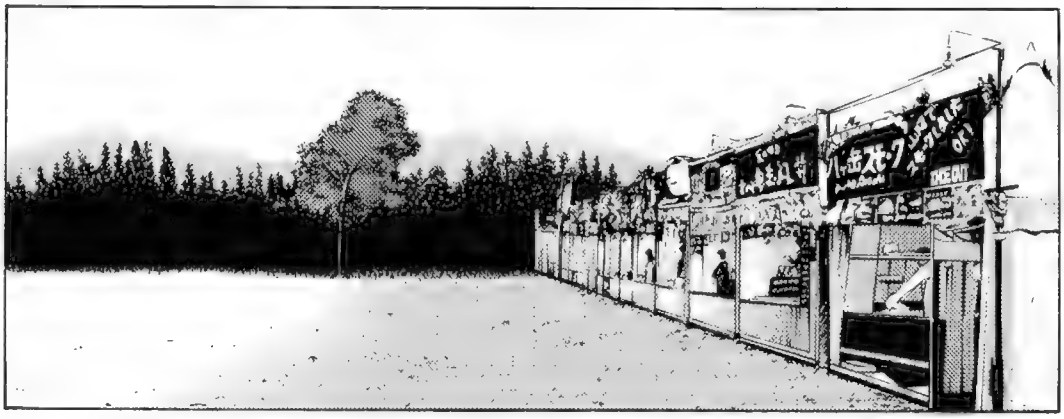
...TO SING MY HEART OUT WITH FUUKA AOI!!

Zenn

CRACKLE
WHA--
CRACKLE
WOW.
THIS IS...
HIGHER...
FARTHER...!

...COULD REACH THE ENDS OF THE WORLD!!

RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE OUR SOUND...



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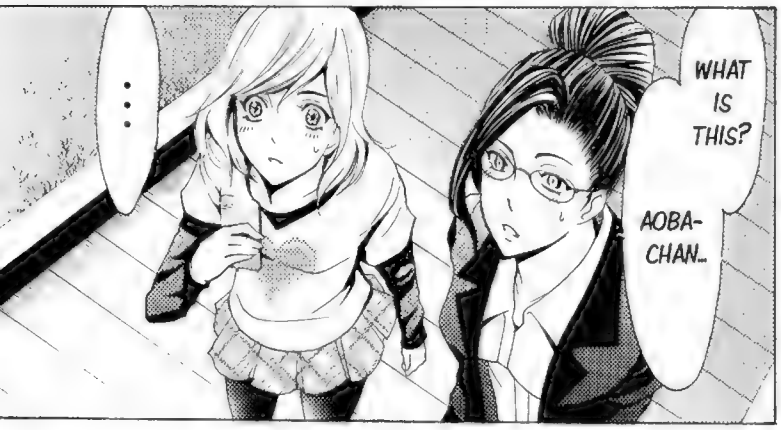


WOW
IT'S A MIRACLE, THAT'S WHAT.

TO
TO

MURMUR #1
WANNA GO CHECK IT OUT?
DUNNO... BUT THERE'S A HECK OF A CROWD THERE.
MURMUR #1
IS SOMETHING GOING ON BY THE LAKE?

WHAT IS GOING ON?
...

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CONCERT!
LOOK UP HERE, PEOPLE!!

...YOU SHOULD'VE DONE THIS FROM THE START.
THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU...
HMPH.
TWO
TWO
FLINCH
FUCK YEAH!!
FUCK'N COOL!!
YEAH. THIS IS IT.
THIS FEELING LIKE A CHILL...
HITTING ME RIGHT HERE!!
NIKO-KUN. YOU LIAR.
YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER LOVE ANYONE AGAIN.

AH--
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WATCH UNTIL THE END?
SHWIP
NAH.
THESE KIDS ARE GONNA BE JUST FINE.

100 THE-BEST NIGHT!

MAN...
THAT JOINT CONCERT ROCKED SO HARD!!
THE FM MOON
I KNOW!!
I'M STILL ALL WORKED-UP!
THERE MUST'VE BEEN ALMOST 10,000 PEOPLE WATCHING!
AHH, IF ONLY YOU COULD'VE USED THE MAIN STAGE!!

I HAD A LOT OF FUN, TOO.
I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I FELT SUCH A HIGH WHILE PER-FORMING.
YEAH, I HAVEN'T FELT THIS HYPED UP IN AGES!!
...

I NEVER IMAGINED OUR BAND WOULD FEEL SO DIFFERENT JUST BY BRINGING HER IN.
FUUKA AOI...

WELL, WHICH-EVER!!
YOU MEAN IN UNI-SON.
AN OCTAVE APART, THOUGH.
YEAH! ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE AND HARUNA SANG IN HARMONY!!
YEAH! SHE'S REALLY AMAZ-ING!

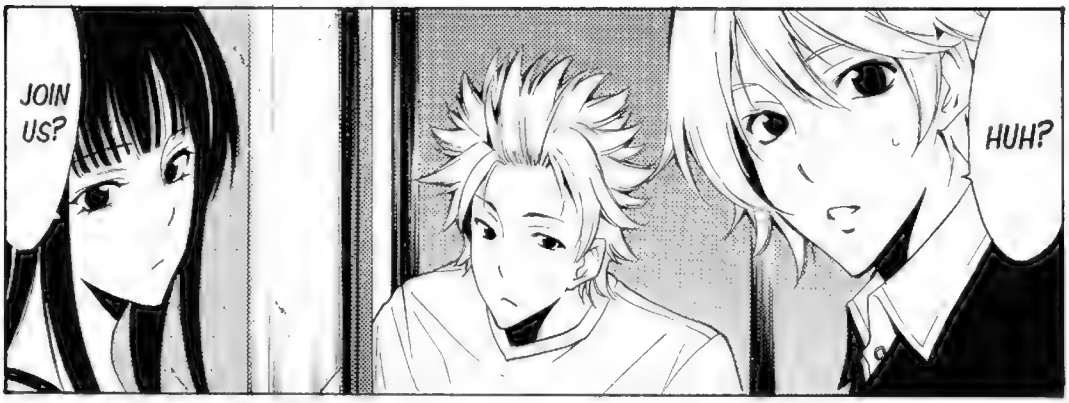
...AND THAT ADDED MORE DEPTH TO THE SOUND.
YEAH. THERE WAS A DISTINCTION IN THEIR CHAR-ACTERISTICS. LIKE BLACK AND WHITE...

IT WAS LIKE...
THEIR VOICES JUST FIT RIGHT TOGETH-ER!!

...
UM.

...I THINK.
HAVING MALE AND FEMALE VOCALS TOGETHER GAVE THE LYRICS MORE IMPACT.

THEN WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE FUUKA AOI...
...JOIN THE FALLEN MOON?


JOIN US?
HUH?

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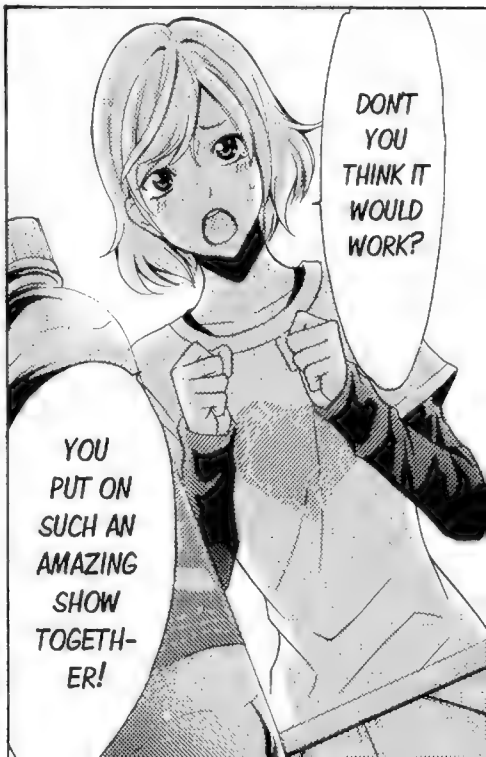

DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD WORK?
YOU PUT ON SUCH AN AMAZING SHOW TOGETH-ER!

DON'T BE STUPID.
WH-WHY IS THAT STUPID?!

THIS WAS ONLY A SORT OF SIDE SHOW FOR THE FESTIVAL.
I THINK THAT'S WHAT YUU-KUN HAD IN MIND WHEN HE AGREED TO IT, TOO.
YOU REALLY THINK SO?

HEY, WHERE DID THOSE TWO GO, ANYWAY?
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THEY WERE GONE!

OH..

AND YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW AOI-SAN FEELS, TOO.
SHE MUST HAVE SOME REASON FOR BEING A SOLO ACT ALL THIS TIME.
AWW. I REALLY WISH YOU'D ALL PLAY TOGETHER, THOUGH.

SHE TOLD THEM BOTH TO BE THERE NO MATTER WHAT, YOU KNOW.
THEY PROBABLY WENT TO WATCH THE CON-CERT.

WOOOOO
YOU'RE SO CUTE!!
ROOOAR
YEAH! SHELLEY !!

SHELLEY!!
WOOOOO
LOOK OVER HERE !!
WOW.
THEY'RE REALLY FIRED UP.
WHAT'D YOU EXPECT? THIS IS SHELLEY HORNET.
BUMP!!
SO THIS IS WHAT THE WORLD'S TOP SONG-STRESS IS CAPABLE OF.
SHE REALLY IS AMAZ-ING.
...
I DON'T THINK WE WERE ANY LESS AMAZING.
HUH?

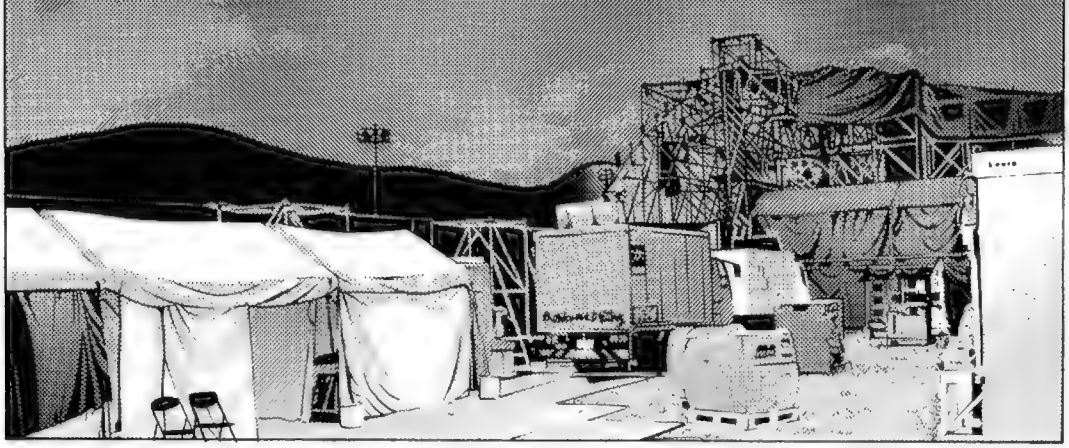
OUR CONCERT TOGETHER...
...WAS THE BEST.

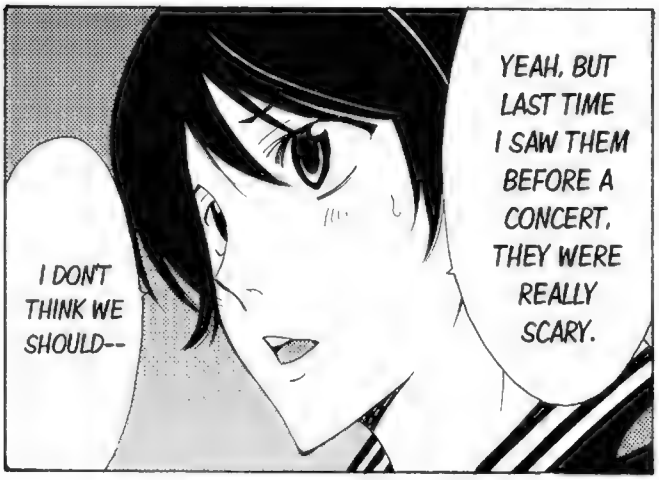
...
YEAH.

HM?
HEY...
YUU-KUN.

TWO
...
WHAT?
OF
THANK YOU ALL!!
THE LAST CONCERT OF THE FESTIVAL, THE HEDGE-HOGS, STARTS IN 40 MIN-UTES! DON'T MISS IT!!

HUH?
NEVER MIND.
I'LL SAY IT AFTER THE FESTIVAL'S OVER.
HURRY UP!
WHAT THE HECK?
NOW I'M CURI-OUS.
RUSTLE
FOR-GET IT, LET'S GO!
I FORGOT TO THANK THE HEDGE-HOGS FOR WHAT THEY DID TODAY !!
. . .
YEAH.
I CAN SEE AOI ANYTIME, AFTER ALL
. . .
OH WELL
. . .




I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD--
YEAH, BUT LAST TIME I SAW THEM BEFORE A CONCERT, THEY WERE REALLY SCARY.

WAIT, WE'RE REALLY GOING TO SEE THEM?
WE SHOULDN'T BOTHER THEM BEFORE THEIR SHOW.
W-WE'LL JUST POP IN, SAY THANKS, AND THEN LEAVE.

...

I'M NOT MAD!! TRUST ME, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ME MAD!!
JEEZ! DON'T GET SO MAD.
JUST GO ON BACK BY YOURSELF!
FORGET IT, THEN! I'LL GO ALONE!!

WHOA!!
LLURCH
HEY. KEEP IT DOWN.
TA-- TAMA-SAN?
A NAP? BUT IT'S ALREADY EVENING.
CAN'T I EVEN TAKE A LITTLE NAP HERE?
WHAT? GOT BUSI-NESS WITH SOMEONE?
NO... WELL-- WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
BUT SHOULD YOU BE OUT HERE RIGHT BEFORE YOUR CONCERT?
WON'T THE OTHERS WORRY?

YASSAN'S OUT FISHING WITH HISASHI.
OH...
NAH. WE'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
TOMO WILL BE EATING UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.
AND NIKO-
HE'S JUST SPACING OUT.
WE ALL GET FOCUSED IN OUR OWN WAY.
AND MINE IS BY NAPPING.
I-I'M SORRY WE INTERRUPTED THAT!!
YUU-KUN JUST KEPT INSISTING ON SEEING YOU!!
I DID NOT AND YOU KNOW IT!!
...
CHUCKLE

BY THE WAY...
DO YOU TWO LOVE MUSIC?
HUH?
O-OF COURSE I DO!!
IT'S MY WHOLE LIFE!!
AH-- SAME FOR ME!!
THAT'S WHY I'M WORK-ING SO HARD!!
STAND !!!
I SEE.
...

GLAD TO HEAR IT.
SHIVER
MAKE SURE YOU WATCH, THEN.
WE'RE GONNA SET OFF SOME HUGE FIRE-WORKS AT THE END.

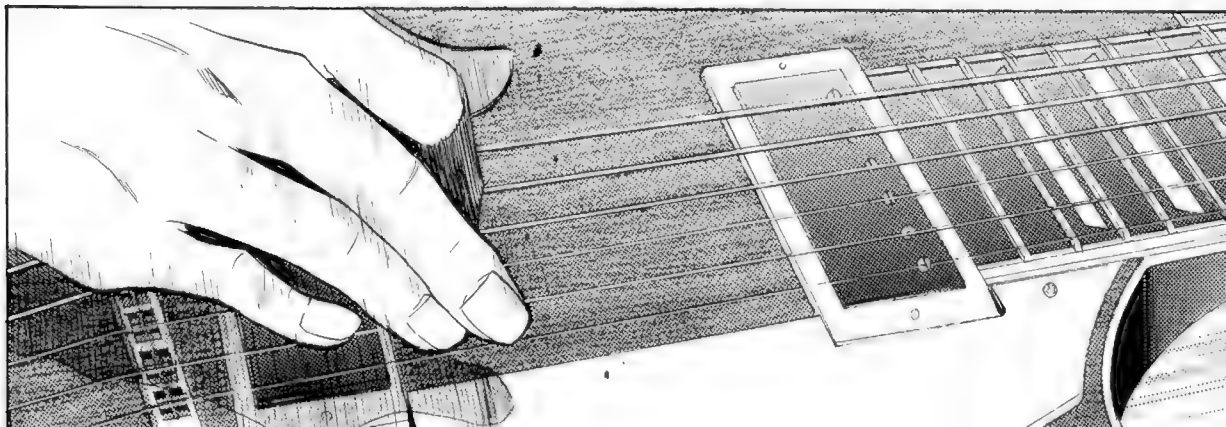
BA-DUM
ドゥーン
BA-DUM
ドゥーン

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET STARTED.
THIS WILL BE THE BEST NIGHT OF YOUR LIVES.
BA-DUM
AND WE WERE ABOUT TO FIND OUT...
WOOT
WOOT
EXACTLY WHAT THE HEDGE-HOGS...
...REALLY HAD IN MIND FOR THIS FESTIVAL.

Fuuka

101 PRECIOUS SONG!

I CAN ALMOST SEE THE IMAGERY IN THE SONG.
HER VOICE REALLY DOES HIT HARD.



...
BWREEE
HIS GUITAR SOUNDS VIOLENT...
...BUT IT'S ACTUALLY VERY CAREFUL AND DELICATE.
...BUT THIS MAN IS DEFINITELY...
HE MAY NOT BE MUCH OF A BRO-THER...
...THE IDEAL GUITARIST THAT I SHOULD STRIVE TO BE.

I CAN UNDERSTAND NOW THAT I'M STILL NOWHERE NEAR HIS LEAGUE.
AFTER SPENDING SO MUCH TIME BUSTING MY BUTT TO IMPROVE...
EVEN WITH THAT EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, MY MASTER'S PRETTY DAMN AMAZING.
TAT
TAT
TAT
TAT
DUM
DUM
SPAANG!

IT'S A GIVEN THAT HER PLAYING IS GOOD...
YEAH...
BOM!!
BOM!!
BOM!!
...BUT MS. TOMOMI'S RHYTHM ON THE KEYBOARD IS INCREDIBLY SMOOTH.
IT'S CLEAR THERE'S A POINT TO PLAYING IT LIVE, INSTEAD OF USING A PROGRAMMED TRACK.

IT'S A GOOD INSTRUMENT, SO EVEN IF YOU SUCK, IT'LL STILL SOUND GOOD.
BUT IF YOU PLAY IT WELL, THERE'S NO COMPARISON.
BWOOM
BWANG
BWANG
BOM
BOM
BOM
BOM
WE USE THE EXACT SAME INSTRU-MENT...
...SO HOW IN THE WORLD DOES HE MAKE IT SOUND LIKE THAT?

WHAT'S WITH THIS WHOLE CONCERT?
IN FACT...
...HMPH.
THIS IS THE BEST THEY'VE EVER SOUNDED.
...
MAYBE I WAS A BIT NAÏVE.
THEY JUST INSTANTLY FADED INTO THE DISTANCE AGAIN.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THEIR BACKS WERE WITHIN SIGHT...

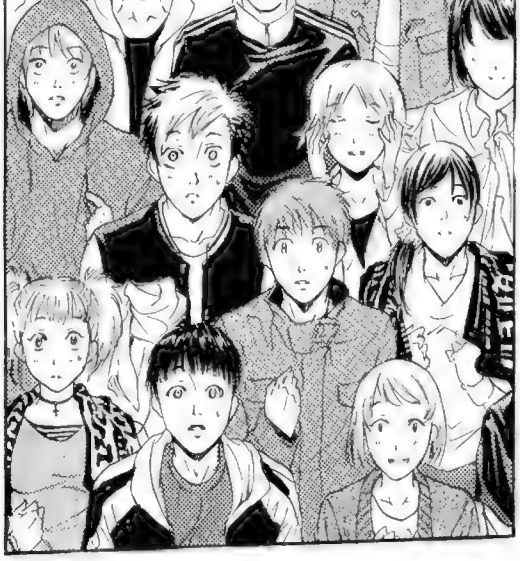
WOOOOO

NOT WITH THIS BAND CALLED THE HEDGE-HOGS.
HUH?
MAY-BE...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS WINNING OR LOSING.
FOOMP
...
YOU MAY BE RIGHT...
FOR OUR NEXT SONG...
NO LIGHTS ARE NEEDED.
MURMUR
WHA... WHAT IS THIS?!
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A BLACK-OUT!!
MURMUR

"THE TOWN WHERE THE STARS FALL."

I'VE HEARD THIS SONG THOUSANDS...
NO, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES BY NOW.
WOW! YOU'RE A GOOD SINGER, TAMA-CHAN! THAT'S "THE TOWN WHERE THE STARS FALL" BY THE HEDGEHOGS, RIGHT?!
YEAH. IT'S MY FAVORITE SONG.
IT'S EVEN BETTER WHEN YOU LISTEN TO IT WHILE LOOKING UP AT THOSE STARS.

I THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN FATE...
...THAT I MET YOU, FUUKA.
I'M FUUKA AOI.
YOU WRITE "FUUKA" WITH THE CHARACTERS FOR "WIND" AND "SUMMER"!
IT'S ALWAYS THERE...
...IN EVERY UNFORGETTABLE MEMORY I HAVE.



...THIS BAND CALLED THE HEDGE-HOGS...

...MIGHT REALLY BE A PART OF ME NOW.

WOW
DAMN! THIS BAND REALLY IS AMAZING!!
YEAH.
...WILL THEY SPEND REIGNING OVER JAPAN'S ROCK SCENE?
HOW MANY MORE YEARS...
UH...
OKAY, THIS NEXT SONG WILL BE THE LAST.
WHAT?! IT'S OVER ALREADY?!
PLAY SOME MORE!!
BUT FIRST...
LET ME SAY ONE THING.

ONCE WE FINISH THIS NEXT SONG...
...THE HEDGE-HOGS WILL BE BREAKING UP.

Fuuka
ONCE WE FINISH THIS NEXT SONG...
...THE HEDGE-HOGS WILL BE BREAK-ING UP.
...WHAT?
MURMUR
B-BREAK-ING UP?!
WHAT? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
THE BAND IS QUIT-TING?!
MURMUR
THE HEDGE HOGS ARE...
...BREAK-ING UP?

102 THE HOPES HANDED DOWN.

...
MY BROTHER DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
HEY, WHAT IS SHE SAYING?
SHE'S KIDDING, RIGHT?
WHY ?!
WH- WHY SO SUDDENLY --?!
ROOOOAR
GRAB
KEEP IT GOING!!
PLEASE DON'T QUIT!!
NO! DON'T BREAK UP!!
YEAH! YOU ONLY JUST CAME BACK!!
DRY

SORRY...
BUT I CAN'T SING ANY-MORE.

HUH?
...
I TOOK SIX YEARS OFF...
...MADE THE OTHER MEMBERS AND ALL OF YOU WAIT SO LONG...
...AND TRIED ALL KINDS OF THINGS, BUT...
NONE OF IT WORKED.
I'M REALLY SORRY.

...
IT CAN'T BE...
WAIT--IS TAMA SICK OR SOME-THING?
NO WAY!!
AND THAT'S WHY THEY WERE ON HIATUS ALL THAT TIME?
SO THAT TIME, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS TOO SICK FOR IT...
...SHE SANG JUST TO ENCOURAGE ME...?
SCREW THAT SHIT!!
IF YOU'RE PART OF A BAND, YOU SING ON THE STAGE UNTIL YOU DIE!!
FOR REAL?
THE HEDGE-HOGS ARE BREAK-ING UP?
...

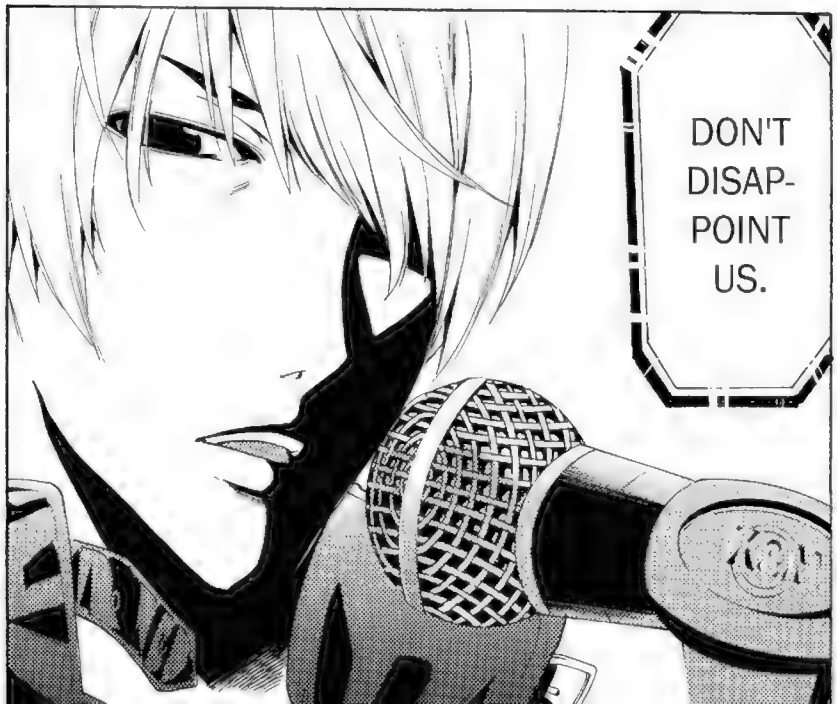
JUST WHEN WE FINALLY GOT TO PERFORM ON THE SAME STAGE AS THEM..
WE WANT TO PERFORM WITH YOU MORE!!
YOUR VOICE STILL WORKS FINE!!
NO..
YOU CAN'T QUIT..
IF YOU DO, THEN..
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO WORK TOWARD FROM NOW ON?!
I HAVE MY REGRETS.
BUT...
I'M NOT WORRIED.

BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE YOUNG ARTISTS WHO'VE GATHERED AT THIS FESTIVAL...
KORG

...WILL
CARRY
ON OUR
HOPES
FOR US.

HEY! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?!
SHE'S TALKING TO ALL OF YOU!!

THAT'S WHY WE INVITED YOU.
THE REST IS UP TO YOU NOW.


DON'T DISAP-POINT US.

BRO-THER..

ALL OF THESE KIDS HAVE AMAZING TALENT...
...SO BE SURE TO CHEER THEM ON, OKAY?!
...
WAIT, IS THIS REALLY THE END?
SO WE'LL NEVER GET TO SEE THE HEDGEHOGS AGAIN?!
NO WAY !!
THOOM
I DON'T LIKE ALL THIS GLOOMY STUFF.
THOOM
THOOM
LAST UP IS THE HEDGEHOGS' DEBUT SONG, SO SEND US OUT WITH A BANG!

LET'S GO!!
SONIC BOOM

CLIMBER'S HIGH!!
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WOO
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OO

IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR OUR FIRST CONCERT!
LET'S GET PUMPED UP!!
I WONDER WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO PLAY IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE.
I HOPE THEY REALLY LISTEN TO US.
WE'LL JUST DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO.
THEY'LL HEAR WHAT WE'RE SAYING.
WITH THE FIVE OF US, WE'LL BE FINE!
I GET THE FEELING WE'RE GONNA MAKE AN AMAZING BAND!!
YEAH-- I THINK SO, TOO!
SO LET'S JUST KEEP RUNNING FORWARD WITH ALL WE'VE GOT.

UNTIL THE INSTANT...
...WHEN THE END FINALLY COMES.

I FELT LIKE IT'D BE WRONG...
...TO TAKE MY EYES OFF THEM FOR EVEN A SECOND.
I HAVE TO BURN THIS INTO MY MEMORY.
THIS ERA THAT'S ENDING NOW BEFORE MY VERY EYES.

OKAY, SO...
GOOD-BYE!!
AND THEN IT'S GOING TO BEGIN...
...ALONG WITH THESE NEVER-ENDING CHEERS.
OUR BRAND NEW ERA.
WOT
TO
TO

#103 JUST MAYBE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU?!
OH, COME ON!!
YOU'RE NOT COMMITTING YOUR-SELVES TO REHEARSAL AT ALL!!
YEAH..
AFTER THE FESTIVAL, I KINDA FEEL SPENT.
SUDDENLY BEING PULLED BACK TO REALITY..
..ALMOST MAKES IT FEEL LIKE IT WAS ALL A DREAM.
IT WASN'T A DREAM!!
IT WAS REAL-ITY!!

DID YOU FORGET WHAT THE HEDGE-HOGS SAID AT THEIR FINAL CONCERT?
THAT THE YOUNG ARTISTS THERE WOULD CARRY ON THE BAND'S HOPES!
...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE HEDGE-HOGS ARE GONE NOW.
YES! THAT'S THE REALITY!!
SHE WAS-
..TALKING TO YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW!
AH--
UM-

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GET TO WORK.
AWW!! DON'T START TALKING ABOUT REAL STUFF LIKE THAT!!
YOU GOTTA DREAM A LITTLE!!
MAKE UP YOUR MIND.

KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA

THE HEDGE-HOGS' HOPES, HUH?
...

KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA

YOU SHOULD ALL TRY PER-FORMING TOGETHER.
"FUUKA AOI WITH THE FALLEN MOON."

...WHEN SHE INVITED US TO THE FESTIVAL.
TAMA PLANNED TO MAKE US DO THAT FROM THE START...
MAY-BE...
...SOME-WHERE IN MY HEART, WANTED THAT TO HAPPEN.
AS IF SHE REALIZED THAT EVEN I...
...TO SING MY HEART OUT WITH FUUKA AOI!!
I REALLY WANTED...
...WITH FUUKA AOI AGAIN.
THAT I WANTED TO SING...

...
じー
STARE

WHA-- WHAT'S WITH YOU?
QUIT LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT.

WHA--
HEY, YOU FINALLY COME BACK TO WORK. AND YOU SPEND IT IN A LOVERS' QUARREL?
IT'S NOT THAT !!

OH-- I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW FUN OUR JOINT CONCERT WAS.
YOU TOTALLY DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE THINKING THAT.
I-I AM!!

YEAH. IT REALLY WAS FUN.

...

W-WELL, THEN.
WOULD YOU JOIN US AGAIN AND--
OH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT--
MY FORMER BAND MEMBERS WERE AT OUR CONCERT!
HUH?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S WHY SHE MADE UP HER MIND TO WORK HARD ON HER OWN.
I'LL GO PRO ON MY OWN!
AND THEN I'LL ASK THEM TO JOIN ME AGAIN!
AND THOSE GUYS...
...REALLY WERE AN AWESOME BAND.

HUH?
WELL, SOMETIMES, WHEN I VISIT MY PARENTS.
DO YOU STILL SEE THEM SOMETIMES?
YEAH, AND...
AFTER SEEING THE SHOW, THEY--
THOSE GUYS WERE ALL REALLY GOOD.
YEAH, I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.
WELL...
I WAS JUST SORT OF CURIOUS.
WH-WHAT BROUGHT THAT ON ALL OF A SUDDEN?
...
HUH?
UH, SURE.
HEY, WHEN WE GET OFF WORK, CAN I SEE YOU FOR A FEW MINUTES?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
BUT STILL...
HUH?

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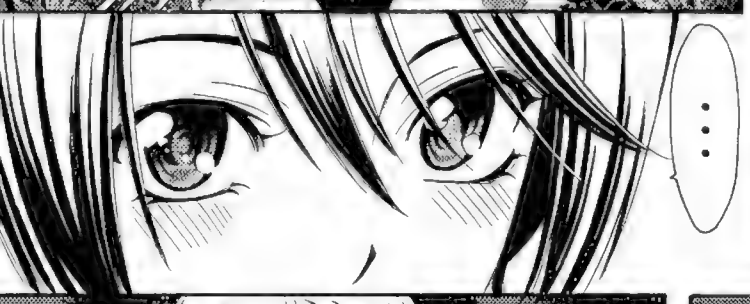
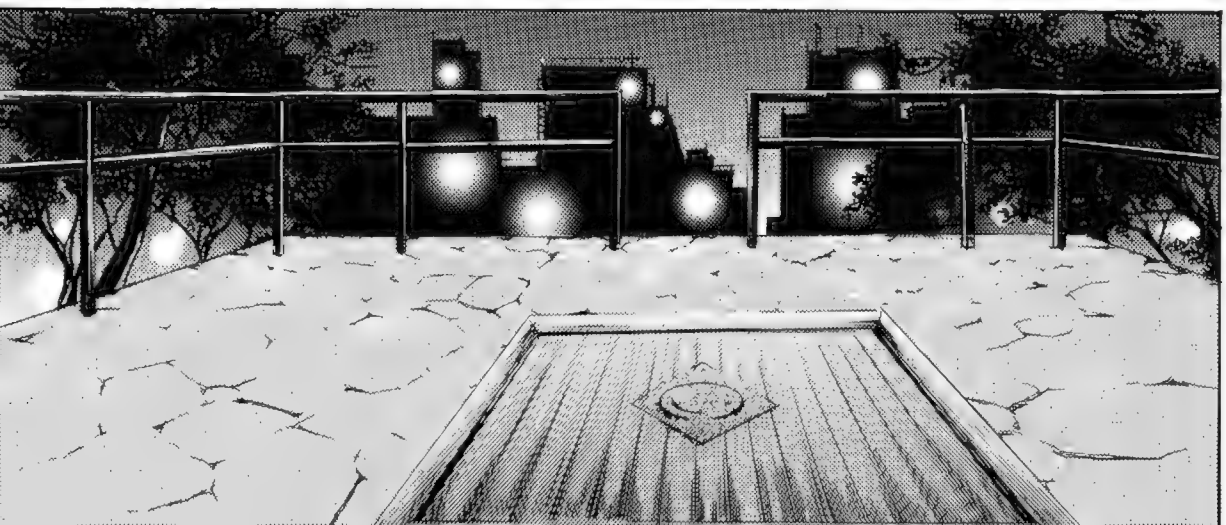




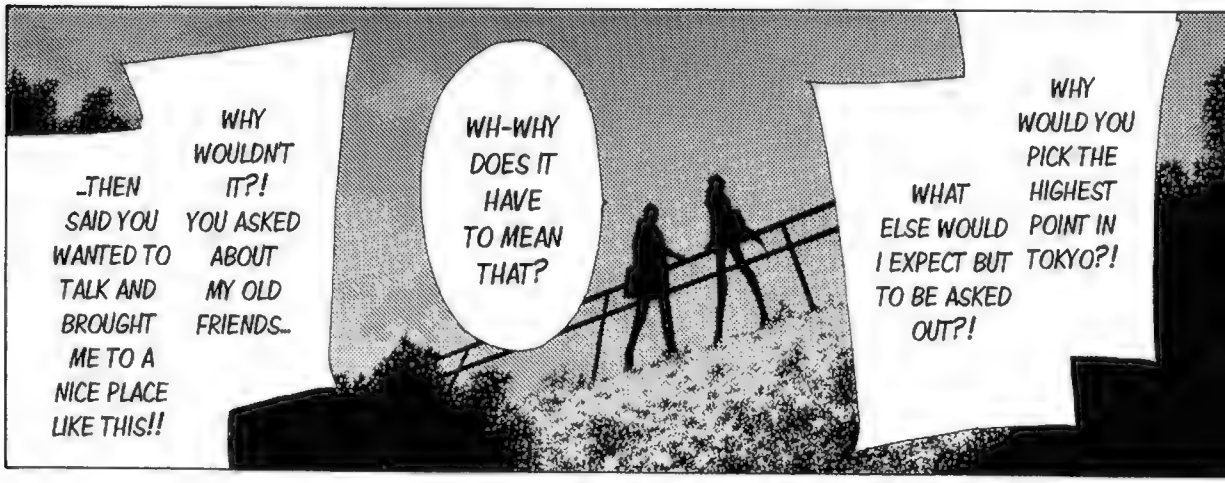
...
WOW. IT'S REALLY PRETTY HERE.
IT'S THE HIGHEST POINT IN TOKYO.
HUH?
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT PLACE TO TALK.
!!
I KNEW IT.
WHEN WE PERFORMED TOGETHER AT THE FESTIVAL, I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD...
...WHAT THE FEELINGS I'VE BEEN TRYING TO HIDE ALL ALONG REALLY ARE.
OH-- YOU FIGURED IT OUT?
W-WELL, OF COURSE.
AFTER YOU ASKED ABOUT MY FORMER BAND MEMBERS, AND BROUGHT ME HERE...

!!!
OKAY, THEN I'LL JUST SAY IT.
I REALLY WANT YOU AND I TO--
W-WAS IT? I KIND OF APPRECIATE THAT KIND OF THING, THOUGH.
OH.
I GUESS IT WAS PRETTY LAME OF ME TO ACT LIKE THAT, HUH?
FWIP
..HUH?
WHAT-- WHAT ABOUT KOYUKI-CHAN ?!
WAIT A MIN-UTE !!
..THAT WE WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THAT AGAIN?
BE-SIDES, DIDN'T YOU AND I BOTH SAY..
M-MAYBE NOT, BUT--
SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING UP TAMA-CHAN?

IS THAT HOW YOU'VE SEEN ME ALL THIS TIME?!
YES! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO IT WITH YOU!
YEAH, BUT... I CAN'T HELP IT!
I REALLY WANT TO DO IT WITH YOU!!
D-DO IT?!
NOOOOO!!
BWRF!!
SMACK
ASKING ME OUT WOULD'VE BEEN ONE THING, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THAT KIND OF GUY!!
THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT ME TO A DESERTED PLACE LIKE THIS, ISN'T IT, PERVERT?!
...
HUH --?

...A BAND?
I WAS TRYING TO SAY THAT I WANTED US TO BE IN A BAND TOGETHER!
I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT FROM THE HIGHEST POINT IN TOKYO.
IF YOU'D JOIN US, I THINK WE COULD MAKE IT TO AN EVEN HIGHER PLACE.
...!!!
ERK
...

DON'T BE MISLEADING, YOU IDIOT!!
HUH ?!


WHY WOULD YOU PICK THE HIGHEST POINT IN TOKYO?!
WHAT ELSE WOULD I EXPECT BUT TO BE ASKED OUT?!
WH-WHY DOES IT HAVE TO MEAN THAT?
WHY WOULDN'T IT?! YOU ASKED ABOUT MY OLD FRIENDS...
...THEN SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK AND BROUGHT ME TO A NICE PLACE LIKE THIS!!

THAT KIND OF THING IS FINE TO BRING UP ON THE WAY HOME FROM WORK!!
WHOA! I'M SORRY !!

OH. SORRY ?
IT FELT WRONG TO JUST BRING IT UP ON THE WAY HOME FROM WORK.

BUT YOU DID SAY YOU WANTED TO GET YOUR OLD BAND BACK TOGETHER.
SO IT FELT AWKWARD TO ASK YOU--
THEY TURNED ME DOWN BEFORE I EVEN MOVED TO TOKYO!!
WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!

ANYWAY-- SO AFTER THE CON-CERT, THEY TOLD ME...
...THAT IF I WANTED TO...
...I SHOULD ASK THE FALLEN MOON TO LET ME JOIN.

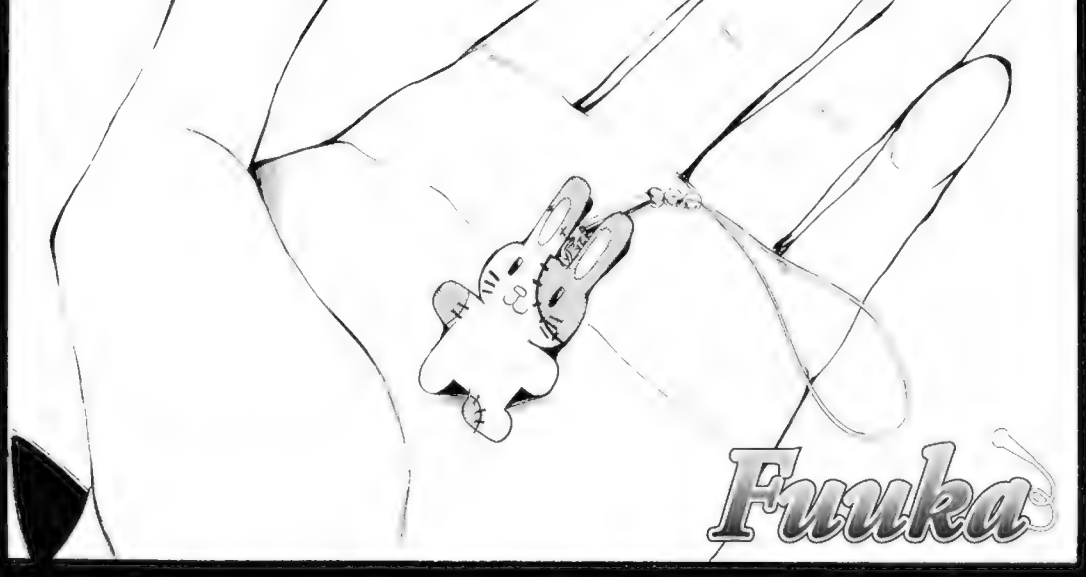
A-AND... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
...

...HUH?

I SAID I WANTED TO JOIN.
I AM A
ERRIST
AND THAT I WANTED TO PUT ON MORE AMAZING SHOWS LIKE THAT.

SO, AFTER THE FESTIVAL ENDED...
...I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU MYSELF.
!!
GRAB
YOU REALLY WANT TO?!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? IS IT REALLY OKAY?
YOU HAVEN'T ASKED THE OTHER MEMBERS.
YEAH, BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDERSTAND.
EVEN IF THEY'RE AGAINST IT, I'LL CONVINCE THEM.

BECAUSE I REALLY...
...REALLY NEED YOU, AOI!!
I-I TOLD YOU!!
SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT WILL GIVE PEOPLE THE WRONG IDEA!!
HUH?!
OH, SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN--
I KNOW, BUT STILL!!


Fuuka

I WONDER IF SHE'D BE MAD...
IF I TOLD HER I GAVE THE OTHER ONE TO SOMEONE ELSE.

...

KA-CHAK
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HARUNA? WE'RE READY TO GO.
OH.
OKAY. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

104 365 DAYS.

KLAKETTA KLAKETTA
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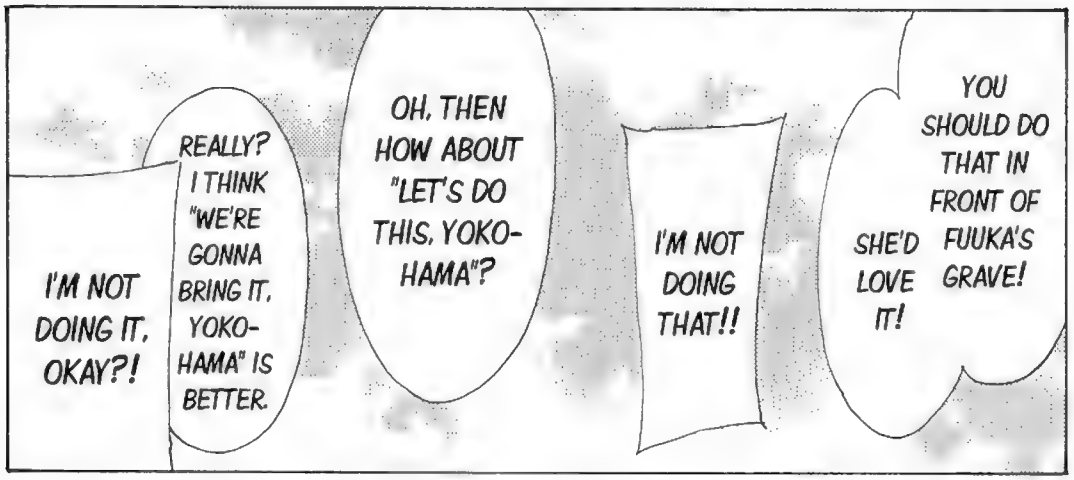
HUH?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN ONE YEAR.
...
KLAKETTA KLAKETTA
I FEEL LIKE IT'S GONE BY SO FAST.
FUUKA DISAP-PEARED FROM OUR LIVES...
...A YEAR AGO TODAY.

WHA--
WELL...
I CAN'T EXACTLY LOOK HAPPY ON THE AN-NIVERSARY OF HER DEATH.
YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN REALLY GLOOMY ALL DAY.
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
WELL-- I KNOW, BUT...
IT JUST FEELS KIND OF INAPPRO-PRIATE.
WE SHOULD TRY TO LOOK HAPPY BECAUSE IT'S THE ANNI-VERSARY OF HER DEATH.
FUUKA-CHAN WOULDN'T LIKE TO SEE US SAD WHEN WE VISIT HER GRAVE.
THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD TELL HER ABOUT THE FESTIVAL.
YOU DID WORK HARD, YUU-KUN.
HUH?

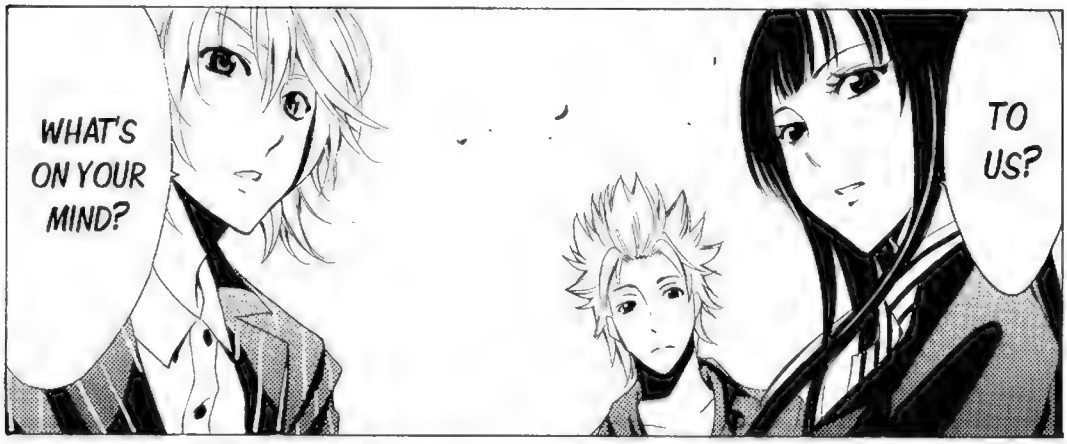

I'M NOT DOING IT, OKAY?!
REALLY? I THINK "WE'RE GONNA BRING IT, YOKO-HAMA" IS BETTER.
OH, THEN HOW ABOUT "LET'S DO THIS, YOKO-HAMA"?
I'M NOT DOING THAT!!
SHE'D LOVE IT!
YOU SHOULD DO THAT IN FRONT OF FUUKA'S GRAVE!

SIGN: YOKOHAMA STATION

...
WINTER'S REALLY SETTING IN NOW.
TELL HER...
...ABOUT THE FESTI-VAL.
YEAH, IT WAS SUMMER LAST TIME WE CAME HERE.
=

HUH?
OH, YEAH.
COME ON, LET'S HURRY.
WHAT'S WRONG, YUU-KUN?

HEY, GUYS.
BEFORE WE SEE FUUKA...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.


TO US?
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

FSSHHHH

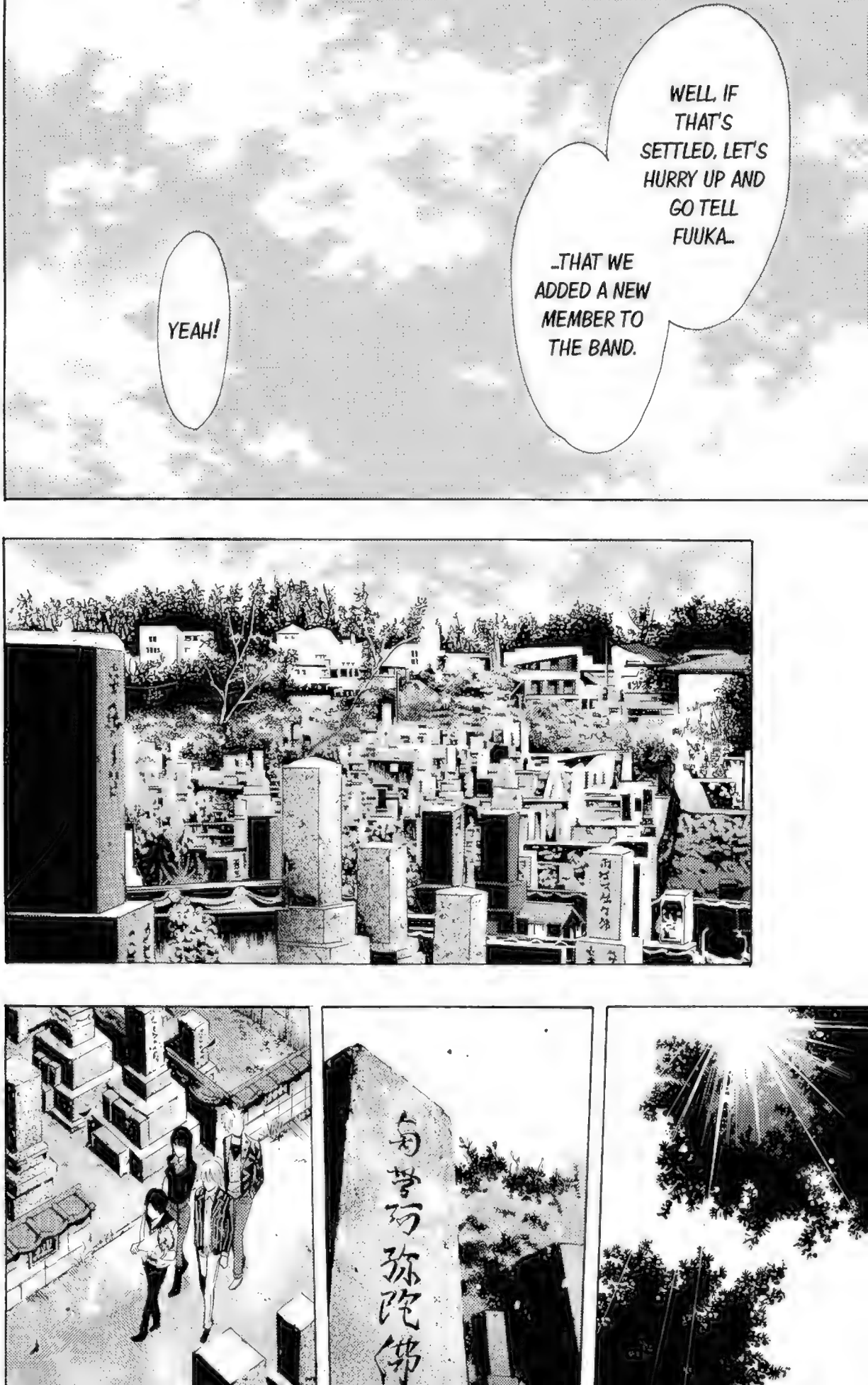
TH-THE THING IS...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT EVER SINCE THE FESTIVAL ENDED...
SO...
WELL, I GUESS... UH...

HUH?
JOIN US?
I REALLY WANT...
I-I KNOW I WAS THE ONE WHO SAID WE'D CARRY ON WITH FOUR MEMBERS...
...SO I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE INCONSIS-TENT OF ME TO BRING IT UP NOW, BUT--
BUT I JUST CAN'T FORGET HOW IT FELT TO PERFORM TOGETHER!
I FEEL LIKE WE CAN MAKE GREAT MUSIC WITH HER...
...AND AOI SAID IT'S WHAT SHE WANTS TOO, SO--
...FUUKA AOI TO JOIN OUR BAND.

ARE YOU...
...SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?
HUH?
...
...
I--
I AM!!

LET'S DO IT.
YEAH.
OKAY, THEN.
WELL...
YEAH, BUT--
SURE, IT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?
WHA--
YOU MEAN IT?!

AFTER EXPERIENCING A PERFORMANCE LIKE THAT, ANYONE WOULD FEEL THE SAME.
IT WAS AN AWESOME SHOW, AFTER ALL.
WE COULDN'T BRING OURSELVES TO SAY IT...
...
YOU GUYS...
AH--BUT IF YOU'RE SAYING IT OUT OF ROMANTIC INTEREST, I'M AGAINST IT.
I-I'M NOT!! IT'S FOR THE BAND, I SWEAR!!
...BUT SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN, I THINK WE ALL HOPED YOU WOULD.


WELL, IF THAT'S SETTLED, LET'S HURRY UP AND GO TELL FUUKA...
...THAT WE ADDED A NEW MEMBER TO THE BAND.
YEAH!

...YEAH.
WHO KNOWS?
SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T CARE, KNOWING HER.
I WONDER WHAT FUUKA WOULD THINK?
THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT WORRIES ME.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO NOW.
WORRYING ABOUT THAT WON'T DO ANY GOOD.
I JUST REALLY WANT TO SING WITH AOI AGAIN.
...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'M SORRY...
FUUKA-CHAN...

HUH?
WHY ARE YOU ALL--
WHY? TO VISIT HER GRAVE. WHY ELSE?

DID YOU KNOW HER, AOI-SAN?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU VISITING FUUKA'S GRAVE?

AOI --?

...
WHA--
WAIT.
YOU MEAN...
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND AND THE FALLEN MOON'S VOCAL-IST WAS--
YEAH.
IT WAS FUUKA AKITSUKI.

HUH --?!
DASH
HEY, WAIT !!
WHAT'S WRONG, AOI?!
...
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

Fuuka CHARACTER

Character Concept Collection No.18

NAME

Shelley Hornet

DATA

Birthday: March 16th
Height: 154cm (5' 1")
Weight: 43kg (95 lb)
Blood Type: B
Measurements: 84-56-86
(33-22-34)

FAVORITES

- Singing
- Anime
- Shopping

DISLIKES

- Taking orders
- Winter
- Her mother

FAVORITE SUSHI TOPPING

- Salmon

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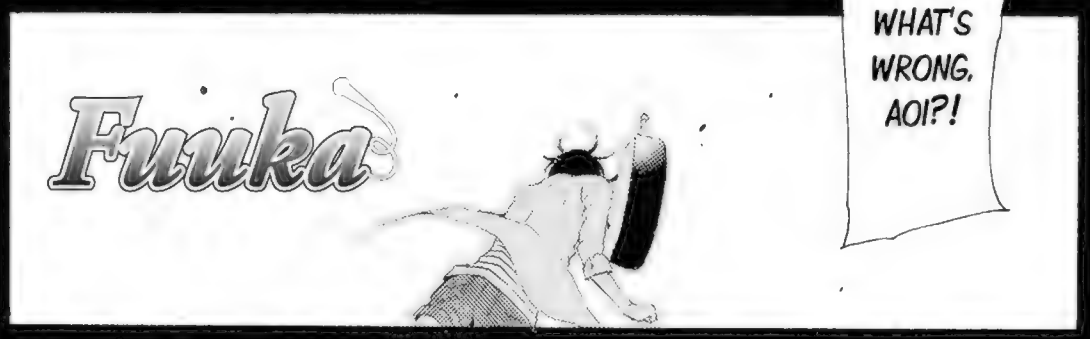
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WHAT'S WRONG, AOI?!

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
...

105 THE TRUTH REVEALED.

WHAT'S WITH HER?
I-
-HAVE NO IDEA.

BUT-
IT SEEMED LIKE SHE KNEW FUUKA.

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
AND IT LOOKED LIKE SHE HADN'T KNOWN THAT FUUKA-CHAN WAS OUR VOCALIST.

THAT'S ODD.
I NEVER HEARD FUUKA SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HAVING A FRIEND LIKE AOI-SAN.

!!
HEY, YOU KIDS!

OH.
IT'S FUU-KA'S-
-MOM.

AOI-SAN JUST RAN OUT OF HERE CRYING.
YOU DIDN'T TRY TO BLAME HER, DID YOU?!

B-BLAME HER?
WHY WOULD WE--

IT WASN'T HER FAULT THAT FUUKA DIED!
YOU UNDER-STAND THAT, DON'T YOU?!

!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
AND THEN YOU GUYS HAD TO--
DESPITE WHAT HAPPENED, SHE COMES HERE EVERY MONTH ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH.

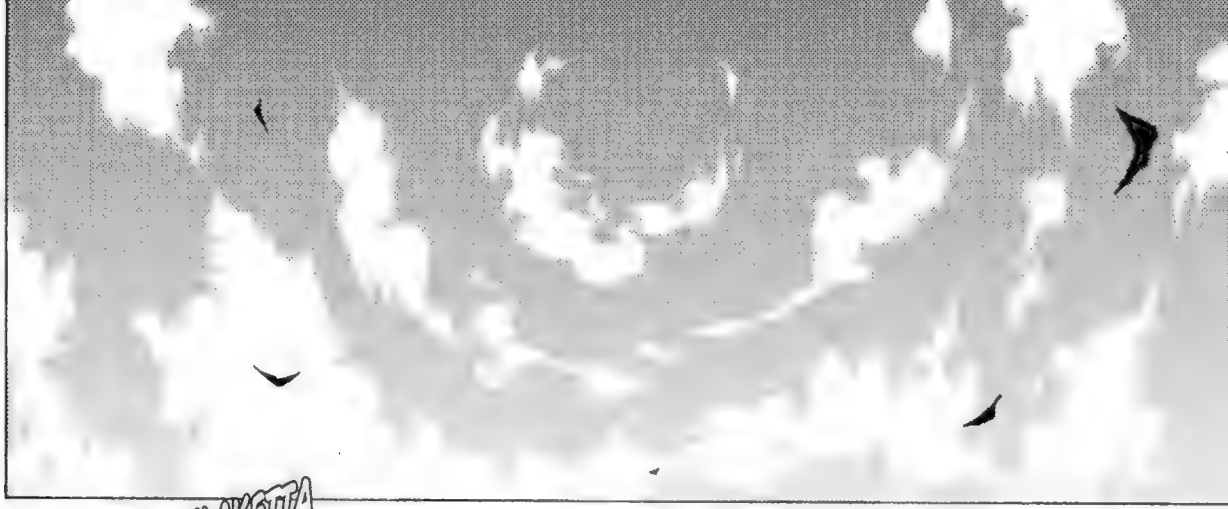
...SOMETHING TO DO WITH FUUKA'S DEATH?!
DID AOI HAVE...

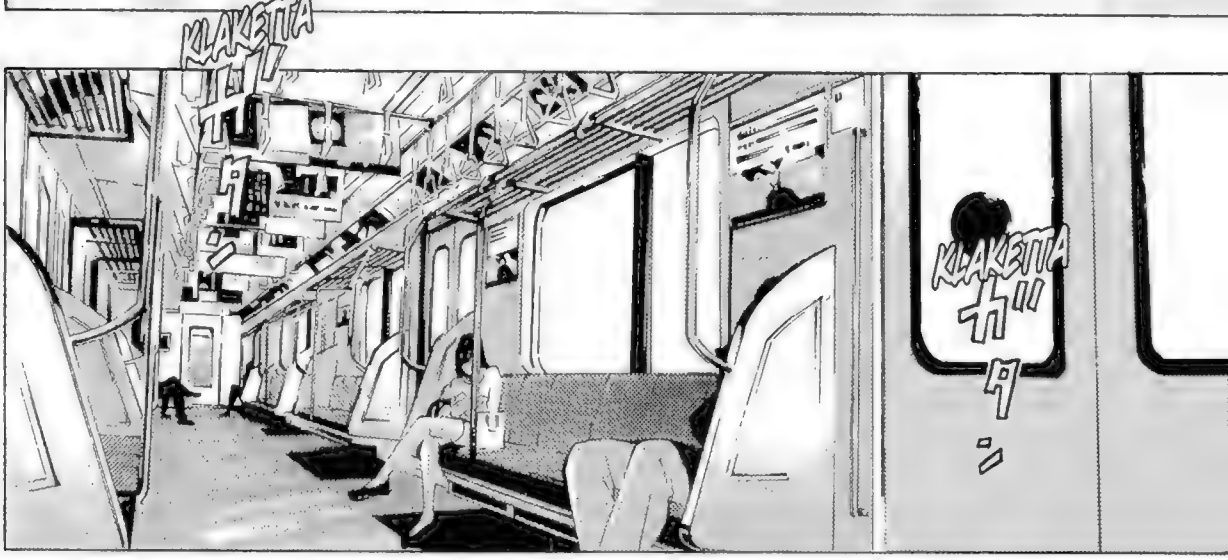
P-PLEASE JUST TELL ME!
AOI IS MY FRIEND!!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW?
WAIT, YOU MEAN--

HUH?

I'M SORRY.
...I SEE.
...
NOW THAT I'VE SAID THIS MUCH...
...I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TELL YOU.
...YES.
...
YOU KNOW... THAT FUUKA WAS HIT BY A TRUCK, RIGHT?
WELL, AOI-SAN...

...IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE MAN WHO WAS DRIVING THE TRUCK.





SHE SAID HER DAD WANTED TO STAY HOME SINCE HE WASN'T FEELING WELL. BUT SHE MADE HIM GO TO WORK ANYWAY.

AND SHE FEELS THAT IF SHE HADN'T SAID THAT TO HIM, THE ACCIDENT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

IT WASN'T AOI-SAN'S FAULT AT ALL.
BUT THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED BECAUSE FUUKA WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
...THAT NEITHER SHE NOR HER DAD IS TO BLAME.
SO IF YOU SEE HER, PLEASE TELL HER...
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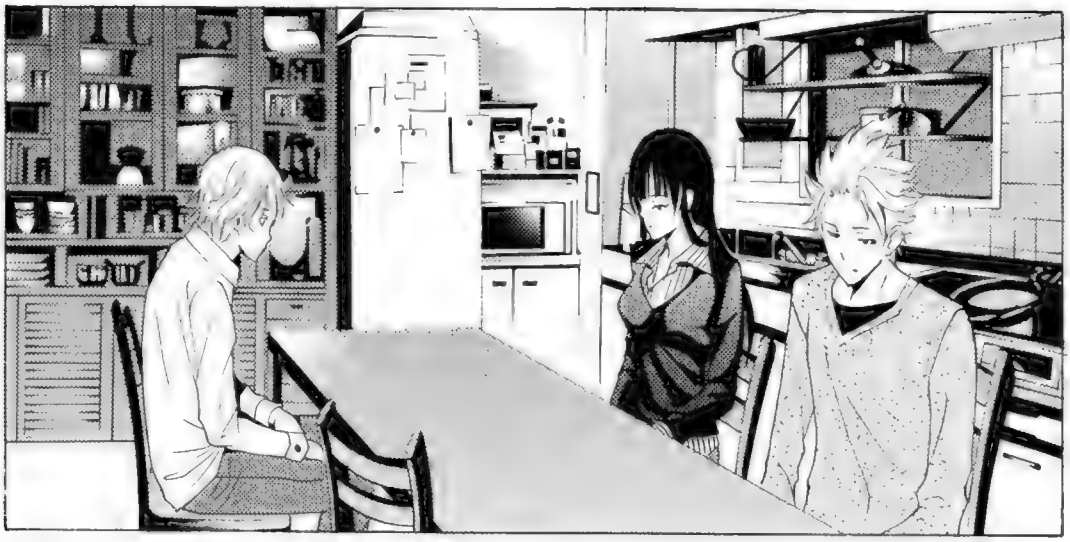
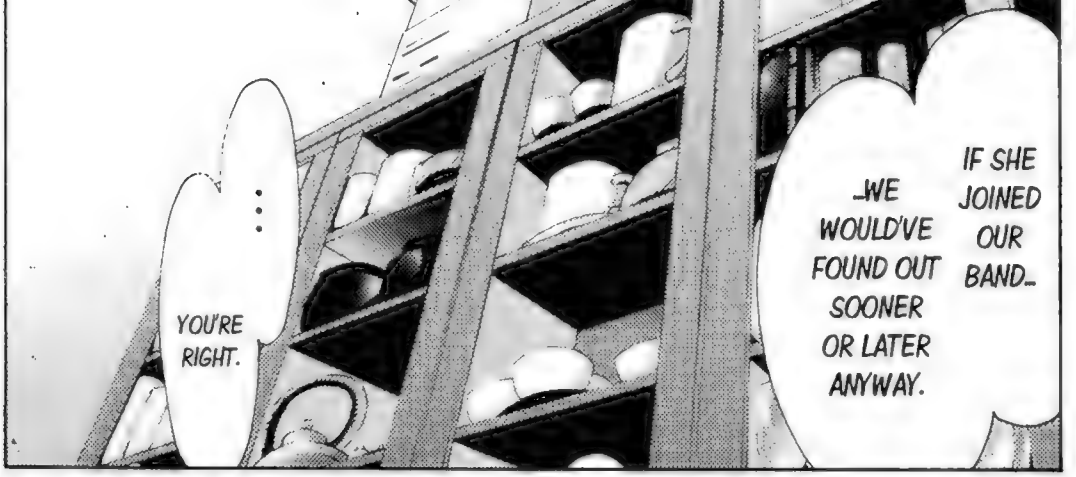


I... CAN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT HOW I FEEL.
...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
DOES THAT EVEN HAPPEN...?

...NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT.
I WOULD RATHER...


IF SHE JOINED OUR BAND...
...WE WOULD'VE FOUND OUT SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY.
...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

L-LOOK, I KNOW, OKAY?
I KNOW IT WASN'T HER FAULT. BUT IT WOULD MAKE THINGS AWKWARD!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE HER NOW.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S OFF NOW.
WE CAN'T LET THE DAUGHTER OF OUR VOCALIST'S KILLER JOIN THE BAND.
HEY!

WHAT?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN'T SEE HER AGAIN BECAUSE SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A MURDERER?

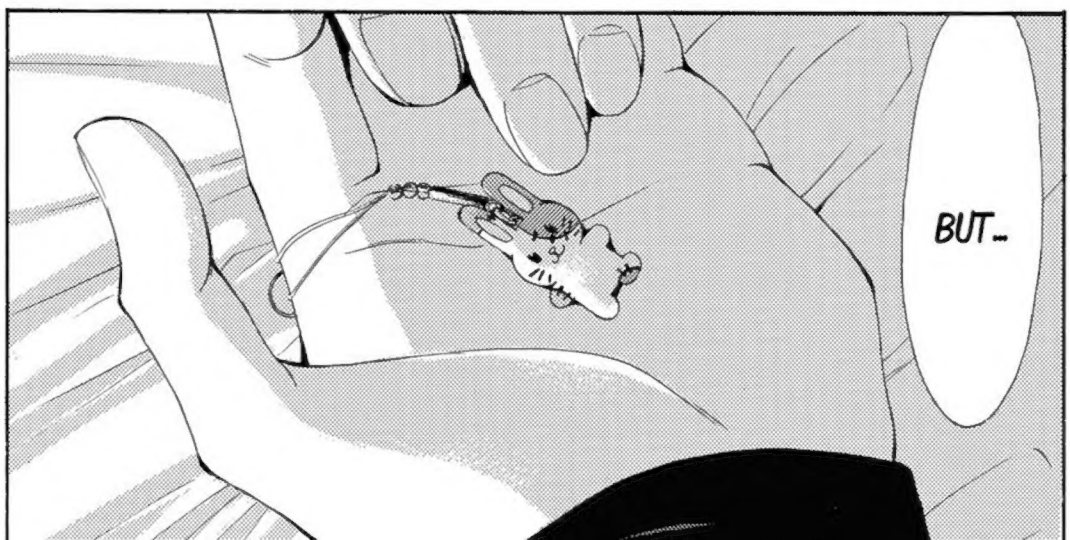
COME ON, CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO.
THEN WHAT?!
CLATTER
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

HE HASN'T COME OUT OF HIS ROOM SINCE WE GOT BACK.
WHAT'S HARUNA DOING NOW, ANYWAY?
HE WANTED SOME TIME ALONE.
HE SAID TO LET HIM BE FOR A WHILE.
I'M SURE HE WAS MORE SHOCKED THAN ANY OF US.
...
YEAH...
BOTH AOI-SAN...
...AND FUUKA.
HE WAS SO CLOSE TO THEM, AFTER ALL.

SO IF YOU SEE HER, PLEASE TELL HER...
...THAT NEITHER SHE NOR HER DAD IS TO BLAME.
...
I KNOW... OF COURSE I KNOW THAT.

I'LL NEVER LOVE ANY-ONE ELSE AGAIN...
THAT'S WHY I'M SURE...

EVEN I REALIZE THAT.
THAT HAD TO BE SO HARD ON HER.
SHE MUST'VE BEEN REALLY UPSET, TOO.


BUT...

YUU-
KUN!
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